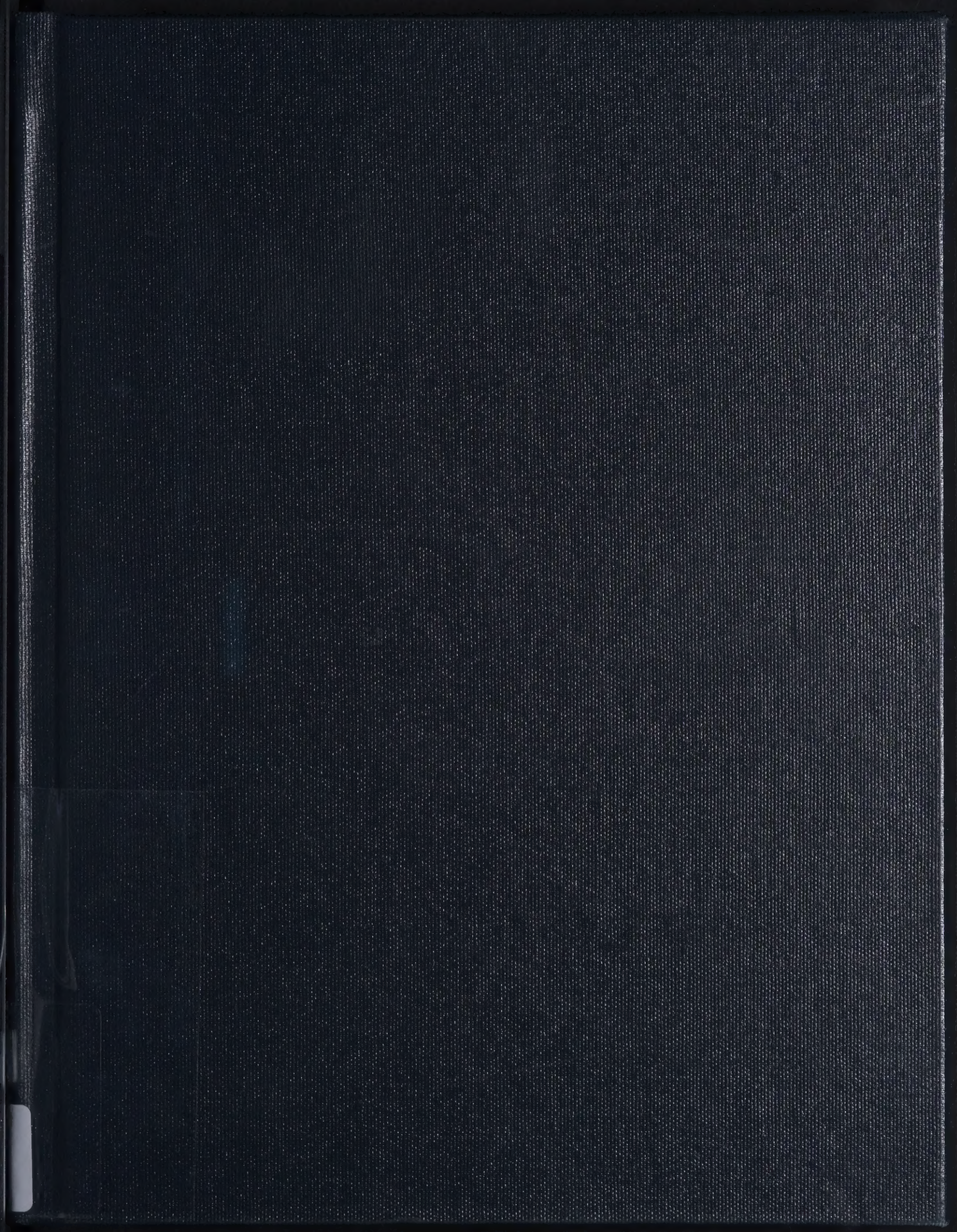




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Fremont town historian dies

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND

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FREMONT — T.R. Hagerty had a relationship with his grandfather, Roy Crandall, that he felt was rare and special.

"Not too many people can say they were best friends with their grandparents," T.R. said with a smile in his voice. "My grandpa and I were good buddies. I was very fortunate."

Roy died Dec. 13 after taking a fall at home, which doctors said could have led him to suffer a stroke, according to T.R. He was 87.

In addition to being a longtime town historian for Fremont, where he was born on Nov. 26, 1918, and where he lived his entire life, Crandall was the owner of two businesses in Fremont — Crandall Hardware from 1966-

85 and Patchwork & Sparkle Ceramics from 1985-2005. For many years, he was the sexton at Fremont Cemetery.

"He knew a lot about what was going on in Fremont,"

T.R. said. "It was really neat to talk to him when he was in his prime. He walked all the time. When the weather was nice, he would walk uptown two or three times a day."

Roy was active in the Masons, and several years ago earned 33rd degree status. He was a member of the 33rd

Degree Association and the Royal Order of Scotland, as well as Fremont American Legion Cassel Post No. 257; Northeastern Lodge No. 210 of the Free and Accepted Masons, Fremont; Order of the Eastern Star No. 229, Ashley; Valley of Fort Wayne Scottish Rite; Mizpah Shrine Club, Fort Wayne; Pokagon Shrine Club, Angola; and Angola York Rite. He was a past Worthy Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star No. 366 in Fremont.

"He really took pride in the Masons," T.R. said. "That was his pride and joy."

Roy was highly independent. He was driving right up until the day before he died, and worked at Patchwork & Sparkle until several weeks ago.

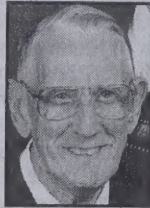
"He did his own thing," T.R. said. "He was able to live at home. That was one thing we were thankful for and he was thankful for."

T.R., his wife, Jennifer, and their daughter, almost 3-year-old Hannah, lived next door to Roy. T.R. said that helped Hannah and her great-grandfather forge a special bond, although Hannah is very young.

"She saw him all the time, and she really misses him," T.R. said. "We saw him four or five times a day."

T.R. said losing his grandfather has been hard, and he and his family are continuing to go through the grieving process together.

"You miss the weird things," he said. "The phone calls, him driving past, him dropping in to check up on you."



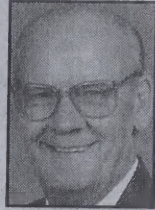
Mr. Crandall

Eugene Mowry

ANGOLA — Eugene C. Mowry, 77, of Jimmerson Lake died Friday, Dec. 30, 2005, at his residence.

He worked at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne in the maintenance department and retired in 1992. He also worked in the traffic department at Joslyn Steel and Magnavox Corp., both in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Mowry graduated from Fort Wayne Central High School in 1947. He was



Mr. Mowry

a member of the following: Sol D. Bayless Masonic Lodge 359; Scottish Rite, 3rd Degree Valley of Fort Wayne; Mizpah Shrine; Pokagon Shrine Club; American Legion Post 47; Angola Elks Club, board member of Jimmerson Lake Association; and an active member of the Angola United Methodist Church.

He was one of the original members of the Premise Keepers (a handyman group), and for many years he was active in the Fort Wayne Transportation Club and the Delta Nu Alpha Traffic Fraternity. He was past president of the Summit City Claims Club.

Mr. Mowry was a U.S. Army veteran.

He and his wife enjoyed traveling. They visited all 50 states and liked to take cruises. They had wintered in Orange Beach for the past 11 years where they enjoyed walking on the beach, spending time in the sun, golfing, reading and attending Gulf Shores United Methodist Church. He was an avid walker before he became ill.

Mr. Mowry was known by his friends as a giver of hugs.

In Whitley County on Nov. 13, 1928, he was born to Clarence and Helen (Loutzenhiser) Mowry. He married Shirley A. Predmore on April 5, 1975, at Jimmerson Lake. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Arlene Mowry of Amherst, N.Y.; a brother, Donald Mowry of Fort Wayne; four sisters, Joann Stephenson of Columbia City, Kathryn Bodkin of New Haven, Betty Wall of Fort Wayne, and Vivian Kessler of Garrett; two grandsons, Greg Mowry of Angola, and Kevin Mowry of Rochester, N.Y.; and many nieces, nephews and special friends.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Angola United Methodist Church, Angola, with the Rev. Laurence Smith officiating.

Calling will be from 3 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to the service at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with a Masonic service at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral

home.

Memorials are to Angola United Methodist Church, Shrine Children's Hospital and Cameron Home Health and Hospice.

Marlene Siples

GARRETT — Marlene R. Siples, 72, of Garrett died Friday, Dec. 30, 2005, at 11:14 p.m. at her home.

Mrs. Siples formerly owned and operated the Auburn Dairy Freeze and the Backway Inn in Garrett. She was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, and the Garrett Eagles Auxiliary.



Mrs. Siples

She was a very kind and caring person whose artistic nature, whether in gardening or crafts, conveyed her love to family and all others whose lives she touched.

She was born July 23, 1933, in Fort Wayne to Edmond J. and Hilda Marie (Gerardot) Kaliker.

On June 25, 1951, in Lake Worth, Fla., she married Ronald L. Siples. He died May 12, 1999.

Surviving are four sons, Randy Siples of Yoder, Jeff Siples of Fort Wayne, Kieth Siples of Avilla and Greg Siples of Running Springs, Calif; two daughters, Theresa Bolen of Wolcottville and Beth Bohn of Bountiful, Utah; four sisters, Rita Freeman of Topeka, Kan., Sister Linda Kaliker of St. Mary's of the Woods Sisters of Providence, Karen Wyss of Fort Wayne, and Kathleen Delamarter of Flower Mound, Texas; 15 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian burial will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett with calling one half hour prior to the Mass. The Rev. Thom Lombardi will officiate.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling also will be Monday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials may be directed to St. Joseph Catholic Church or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Elizabeth Langston

GARRETT — Elizabeth A. Langston, 81, of Garrett died Sunday, Jan. 1, 2006.

Born Jan. 17, 1924, in

Jackson, Mich., she was a former resident of Churubusco and a homemaker.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, DeMaris and Robert Jordan of Garrett and Sue and Gerald Myers of Yuma, Ariz.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Randall H. Langston of Monroeville and Edward A. and Linda Langston of Churubusco; eight grandchildren and their spouses, Jessica Langston, Jeremiah and Jamie Langston and Josh Langston, all of Churubusco, Doreen and Merv Topp of Auburn, Michael and Robin Foster and Jim and Cindy Foster, all of Jackson, Mich., and Barbara and Peter Rider and Marv and Margie Foster, all of Auburn; 17 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roscoe H. Langston, in 2001.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.



Mrs. Langston

Idress Miller

AUBURN — Idress M. Miller, 83, of Auburn died Sunday, Jan. 1, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Miller was born near Avilla on June 1, 1922, to Albert J. and Ella M. (Hess) Hoot. She was a 1940 graduate of Avilla High School. She married Richard "Keith" Miller on Jan. 10, 1942, and he preceded her in death on Dec. 19, 1994.

She worked at DeKalb High School for 13 years in the cafeteria.

Surviving are a son, Richard J. Miller of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Mary Ann and Jon Johnson of Angola; a sister, Phyllis Noffze of Avilla; two grandchildren, Brent A. Miller of Bluffton and Tracey Dove of Butler; and four great-grandchildren, Dane and Olivia Miller of Auburn and Collin and Conner Dove of Butler.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with the Rev. Lloyd A. Bickel of Trinity Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be Wednesday at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Angola from 4-8 p.m. and two hours prior to services at the funeral home in Butler on Thursday.

Memorials are to the Lutheran Hour or DeKalb County Cancer Society.

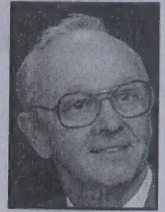
Condolences may be left at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Paul Ervin Sr.

BUTLER — Paul C. Ervin Sr., 80, of Butler died Monday, Jan. 2, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Ervin worked in shipping at Vulcraft,

retiring in 1990 after 20 years. He ran Ervin's Concession and Popcorn, which was considered to have the best caramel corn at



Mr. Ervin

the DeKalb County and Grabill fairs and the St. Joe Pickle Festival.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

He was born Jan. 18, 1925, in Garrett to Clyde L. and Clara L. (Grischkie) Ervin.

He married W. JoAnn Grimm on June 19, 1951, in Arkansas. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons and a daughter-in-law, Paul C. Ervin Jr., James Ervin and David Ervin, all of Butler, and Charles and Rose Ervin of Schertz, Texas; one daughter, Rebecca "Becky" Ervin of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; two sisters, Helen Pence of Bryan, Ohio, and Marie Sapp of Fort Wayne; and eight grandchildren, Tracy, JoAnn, Linda, Suzanne, Bradley, April, Christopher and Tiffany.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Charles Ervin.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Chaplain Paul Marki will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Pallbearers will be Paul Ervin Jr., James Ervin, Charles Ervin, David Ervin, Hugh Taylor, Tracy Woodard, William "Bill" DeVore and Kevin Pence.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Robert Oberlin

BUTLER — Robert Gordon Oberlin, 80, died Monday, Jan. 2, 2006, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Mr. Oberlin was born in Butler and graduated from Butler High School in 1943. He was a rural mail carrier with the Butler Post Office for 40 years.

He served as a corporal with the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II from 1943 to 1946 as a member of the 5th Joint Assault Signal Co. With the 5th Marine Division, he landed in the second Amtrac wave to assault the beaches of Iwo Jima on Feb. 19, 1945. His name is included in a book that details the exploits of the 5th Marine Division in World War II, entitled "The Spearhead," published in 1950 by the Infantry Journal Press.

Mr. Oberlin was a member of the Eagles, the American Legion post in Butler and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Surviving are his niece and her husband, Marsha and Jeffrey McCann of Hamilton; a nephew and his wife, Mike and Jeanette Oberlin of Butler; a niece-in-law, Peggy Oberlin of Columbus, Ohio; a great-nephew, Shane M. Oberlin of Butler; and a longtime friend, Virginia Teutsch of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Effie B. Mierly; his father, Carl E. Oberlin; a nephew, Mark Oberlin, who died in 2004; a brother, Willard Oberlin; and a half brother, Jerry Oberlin.

Services were Monday at 4 p.m., with arrangements by McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn. Burial was in Butler Cemetery.

Velma Emenhiser

BUTLER — Velma Mae Emenhiser, 85, of Butler died Sunday, Jan. 1, 2006, at Lakeland Skilled Nursing and Rehab Center, Angola.

Mrs. Emenhiser was a homemaker and a member of Zion United Methodist Church in Butler and the United Methodist Women.

She was born Nov. 22, 1920, in DeKalb County to Floyd and Mary (Vestal) Oberlin.

She married Kenneth Emenhiser on April 5, 1942, in Spencerville. He died May 8, 1982.

Surviving are a sister, Irene Koch of Angola; and a companion, Russell McClellan of Hamilton.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Maxine Reade and two sisters who died in infancy.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Zion United Methodist Church with the Rev. Saneta Maiko officiating. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery near Harlan.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to Zion United Methodist Church.



Mrs. Emenhiser

Janet Luce

PENSACOLA, Fla. — Janet F. Luce, 72, formerly of Auburn and Angola died Saturday, Dec. 31, 2005, at her home in Pensacola.

Born in Portland, she was a hairdresser in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her three daughters, April Maloy of Union City, Cynthia Howard of Pensacola and Kelly Bassett of Butler; and 11 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Luce; three sisters; and a brother.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Entombment will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Thursday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is being rerun to give additional information.

Sharon Pankop

CADIZ, Ky. — Sharon Pankop, 75, of Cadiz and formerly of Kendallville died at 5:45 p.m. Friday, Dec. 30, 2005, at Trigg County Hospital in Cadiz.

Mrs. Pankop was the co-owner and vice president of Pankop's Inc. Hardware in Kendallville.

She attended Rockcastle United Methodist Church.

She was born Feb. 9, 1930, in Kendallville to Harry and Laurel (West) Rensberger.

Surviving are her husband of 59 years, Hubert Edward Pankop; a son, Dean Pankop of Corunna; three daughters, Ann Blagdon of Erlanger, Ky., Sue Karst of Princeton, Ky., and Jane Pankop of Kendallville; eight grandchildren, Alexander and Christopher Karst of Kendallville, Garbriel of Princeton, Ky., Rose Hill of Auburn, Amber Prentice of Albion and Heath and Zane Pankop of Corunna; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a sister, Prudence Emmons.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

King Funeral Home in Cadiz is in charge of arrangements.



Mrs. Pankop

William Shull Jr.

BUTLER — William A. Shull Jr., 72, of Butler died Monday, Jan. 2, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Shull worked as a lathe operator for the Dana Corp. for 30 years, retiring in 1999. He was a

member of the Butler Eagles and the Butler post of the American Legion.

He was born June 25, 1933, in Butler, Pa., to William Shull Sr. and Alice Shull. They preceded him in death.

On Aug. 17, 1989, in Auburn, he married Lois (Kimes) Akey Shull. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Scott Shull of Wolcottville and Steve and Karen Shull of Carrollton, Texas; a stepson, Bret Akey of Spencerville; two daughters and a son-in-law, Shannon Koch of Butler and Sandy and Dan Kinzer of Dunedin, Fla.; a stepdaughter and her husband, Lona and Rich Lock of Albion; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by a daughter, Susan Wineland; and a stepson, Dennis Akey Sr.

Graveside services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn. The Rev. Al Black will officiate.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Home Healthcare Service or the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.



Mr. Shull

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Idress Miller

AUBURN — Idress M. Miller, 83, of Auburn died Sunday, Jan. 1, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Miller was born near Avilla on June 1, 1922, to Albert J. and Ella M. (Hess) Hoot. She was a 1940 graduate of Avilla High School. She married Richard "Keith" Miller on Jan. 10, 1942, and he preceded her in death on Dec. 19, 1994.

She worked at DeKalb High School for 13 years in the cafeteria. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Auburn.

Surviving are a son, Richard J. Miller of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Mary Ann and Jon Johnson of Angola; a sister, Phyllis Noffze of Avilla; two grandchildren, Brent A. Miller of Bluffton and Tracey Dove of Butler; and four great-grandchildren, Dane and Olivia Miller of Auburn and Collin and Conner Dove of Butler.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler, with the Rev. Lloyd A. Bickel of Trinity Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be today at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, 108 S. West St., Angola, from 4-8 p.m. and two hours prior to services at the

funeral home in Butler on Thursday.

Memorials are to the Lutheran Hour or DeKalb County Cancer Society.

Condolences can be left online at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Lawrence Whitman

BRYAN, Ohio — Lawrence R. Whitman, 86, of Bryan died Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2006, at his residence.

Mr. Whitman was an employee of General Motors prior to his retirement and attended Melbern United Methodist Church in Melbern, Ohio.



Mr. Whitman

He was born Dec. 9, 1919, in DeKalb County to Henry A. and Zella (Huntington) Whitman. He married Betty J. Kittredge, and she survives.

Also surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, William and Marilyn Whitman, Donald and Regina Whitman and Jack and Vickie Whitman, all of Bryan, and John and Debby Whitman, of Montpelier, Ohio; a daughter and son-in-law, Ruth Marie and Marlin Grimm of West Unity, Ohio; 12 grandchildren, Debra Wilson, Steve Grimm, Brenda Jasmund, Marty Whitman, Todd Whitman, Scott Whitman, Kim Pringle, Wendy Schaper, Doug Grimm, Derek Whitman, Kevin Whitman and Erin Whitman; 25 great grandchildren; a brother, Allen Whitman of Bryan; and a sister and brother-in-law, Beulah and John McQuade of Detroit.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Hal Whitman; a sister, Zola Whitman; and a grandson, David Grimm.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Bryan, with the Rev. Bill Priest officiating. Burial will be in Farmer Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 5-8 p.m.

Memorials are to Melbern United Methodist Church or the Community Hospitals and Wellness Center Hospice program.

Condolences may be left online at www.oberlin-ford.com.

Gladys Nahrwold

AUBURN — Gladys M. Nahrwold, 91, of Auburn died Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Nahrwold was a licensed practical nurse and a nurse's aide at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne for 25 years, retiring in 1983.

She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn.

She was born March 21, 1914, in DeKalb County to William and Loueda M. (Schippmann) Davis. Her parents preceded her in death.

Surviving are two nieces, Annetta Matthews of Garrett and Lorie Biber of Bridgeville, Alaska; two nephews, Randy Davis of Anchorage, Alaska, and Dennis Davis of Garrett; five great-nieces; three great-nephews; five great-great-nieces; and four great-great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul H. Nahrwold; two brothers, Lester

and Phillip Earl Davis; and a sister, Violet V. Double.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Lloyd Bickel officiating. Burial will be in the Emmanuel Lutheran Cemetery at New Haven.

Calling will be Saturday from 9-10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Trinity Lutheran Church of Auburn or Emmanuel Lutheran Church of New Haven.

Michael Cripe

KENDALLVILLE —
Michael Richard Cripe, 39, of
Kendallville died Thursday,
Jan. 5, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Cripe
was most
recently
employed
with Prince
Manufac-
turing in
Avilla and
LDM
Technologies
in Kendall-
ville.



Mr. Cripe

He graduated from East
Noble High School in 1985 and
served in the United States
Navy for three years. He then
served in the Naval Reserves in
Fort Wayne.

Mr. Cripe was active with
the local Civil War re-
enactment group called the
50th Virginia Co. D.

He enjoyed exploring caves,
making Indian crafts and being
in the outdoors.

He was born Nov. 8, 1966,
in Auburn to Robert Russell
and Viola Cathern (Kesner)
Cripe.

Surviving are his mother and
stepfather, Cathern and Joe
McGinley of Kendallville; a
son, Colton Cripe of Kendall-
ville; two daughters, Jessica
and Sheylene Cripe, both of
Kendallville; a brother, Robert
R. Cripe Jr. of Virginia Beach,
Va.; and two sisters, Deborah
Sue Cripe of Lorton, Va., and
Kathyern E. Crone of Fort
Wayne.

He was preceded in death by
his father in 2004.

Services will be at 6 p.m.
Saturday at Hite Funeral Home
in Kendallville with Pastor
Thomas Clothier officiating.

Calling will be from 2-6

p.m. Saturday at the funeral
home.

A second service will be at
noon Monday at North Mill
Creek Baptist Church in
Dorcus, W.Va. Burial will be at
North Mill Creek Baptist
Church Cemetery in Dorcus.

Calling in Dorcus will be
two hours prior to services at
the church.

Memorials are to North Mill
Creek Baptist Church Cemetery
Fund.

Condolences may be sent
online to [www.hitefuneral-
home.com](http://www.hitefuneral-home.com).

Betty Du Bois

ALBION — Betty L. Du Bois, 72, of Albion died at 12:35 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6, 2006 at her residence.

She was born in Noble County and lived there all of her life.

Mrs. Du Bois retired with more than 25 years of service at Precision Plastic Injection Molding in Albion and Columbia City. She was also a member of the Albion Eagles.

Surviving are her children and their spouses, Mary and Jim Gray of Kendallville, Gary and Dorren Du Bois of Butler, Larry Du Bois of Garrett and Billy and Mary Du Bois of Calhoun, Ga.; her siblings and their spouses, Jerry and Jan DeLong of Kendallville, Imo Jean Wilson of Albion, Linda DeLong of Albion and Darrel and Nancy DeLong of Kendallville; 18 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Claude and Mary Mae (Byrd) DeLong; two sons, Michael and Robert; a brother, Charles DeLong; and a sister, Shirley Cramer.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Burial will take place at Rose Hill in Albion.

Calling will be Sunday from 3 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home, and one hour prior to the services on Monday.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements are being handled by Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla.

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Betty Du Bois

ALBION — Betty L. Du Bois, 72, of Albion died at 12:35 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6, 2006 at her residence.

Mrs. Du Bois was born in Noble County and lived there all of her life. She retired with more than 25 years of service at Precision Plastic Injection Molding in Albion and Columbia City. She was also a member of the Albion Eagles.

Surviving are her children and their spouses, Kim and Jeff Antrup of Auburn, Mary and Jim Gray of Kendallville, Gary and Dorren Du Bois of Butler, Larry Du Bois of Garrett and Billy and Mary Du Bois of Calhoun, Ga.; her siblings and their spouses, Jerry and Jan DeLong of Kendallville, Imo Jean Wilson of Albion, Linda DeLong of Albion and Darrel and Nancy DeLong of Kendallville; 18 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Claude and Mary Mae (Byrd) DeLong; two sons, Michael and Robert; a brother, Charles DeLong; and a sister, Shirley Cramer.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Burial will take place at Rose Hill in Albion.

Calling will be Sunday from 3 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home, and one hour prior to the services on Monday.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements are being handled by Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla.

Henry Carr

GARRETT — Henry F. Carr, 79, of Garrett, died Saturday, Jan. 7, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

He worked for Dana Corp. 34 years, retiring in 1988. He also was a driver for Pet Milk in Garrett and was a volunteer at the Garrett Recycling Center.

Mr. Carr was an Army veteran of World War II and a member of the Garrett post of the American Legion and the First Church of Christ in Garrett.

He was born Nov. 11, 1926, in Newville Township to Fred and Rosa (Everetts) Carr.

On Oct. 12, 1951, in Garrett, he married FaraLee G. Pearson Wetoskey. She died April 21, 2001.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Janet Carr of Garrett, Sally Moughler of Auburn, and Dianne and John Riggs of Butler; a sister, AnneBell Thimlar of Florida; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were a brother, Herb Carr, and a sister, Mary Carr.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the First Church of Christ in Garrett, with Pastor Jim Lilley and Pastor Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, and from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to the First Church of Christ, Garrett.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

Gene Bunn

AVILLA — Gene A. Bunn, 69, died Friday, Jan. 6, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.



Mr. Bunn

Family members said he touched the life of

everyone who knew him. He was a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett.

He was born Dec. 14, 1936, in Fort Wayne to Merle and Viola (Oyer) Bunn. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are a sister and her husband, Velma and Ray Souder of Avilla; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Dale and Janice Bunn of Sardinia, Ohio, and Keith and Dianne Bunn of Conyers, Ga.; several nieces and nephews; and an aunt, Anna Davis of Avilla.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with burial at Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Church of Christ, Garrett, or a charity of the donor's choice.

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He was born Nov. 15, 1926, in Newville Township to Fred and Rosa (Everetts) Carr.

On Oct. 12, 1951, in Garrett, he married FaraLee G. Pearson Wetoskey. She died April 21, 2001.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Janet Carr of Garrett, Sally Moughler of Auburn and Dianne and John Riggs of Butler; a sister, AnneBell Thimlar of Florida; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were a brother, Huber Carr; and a sister, Mary Carr.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the First Church of Christ in Garrett, with Pastor Jim Lilley and Pastor Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, and Wednesday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the First Church of Christ, Garrett.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

Nathalie Van Auken

PLEASANT LAKE — Nathalie Kay Van Auken, 63, of Pleasant Lake died Monday, Jan. 9, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Van Auken was born Oct. 1, 1942, in Butler to Elwood and Eloise (Harris) Chiddister. She married Jack Van Auken on Nov. 26, 1961, and he preceded her in death on Jan. 24, 1999.

She was a farmer all her life and was a homemaker. She was a member of Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church, where she was a Sunday school teacher. She was a 4-H leader for 22 years.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Scott and Marcia Van Auken of Pleasant Lake and Tim and Tiffany Van Auken of Reading, Mich.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Matt Bidlack and April and Matt Ridenour, all of Angola; two brothers, Nyal and Lonnie Chiddister, both of Angola; four sisters, Diana White of Angola, Mary Burlew of Pleasant Lake, Janet Ickes of Auburn and Carla Berry of Kernersville, N.C.; and seven grandchildren, Melinda, Kara, Lana, Haven, Kylie, Colt and Brody.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. John Boyanowski officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 1-3 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.

Memorials are to the Jack Van Auken 4-H Scholarship Fund at First Federal Savings Bank of Angola or Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church.

Richard Clouse

AUBURN — Richard D. Clouse, 74, of Auburn died Sunday, Jan. 8, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Clouse worked as the assistant superintendent of the water department for the city of Auburn. He

retired in 1995 after 46 years of service.

He was a member of the Auburn Church of Christ and American Legion Post 97. He was a U.S. Marines veteran and served in the Korean conflict.

He was born Nov. 16, 1931, in Janesville, Wis., to Worthy T. and Edna (Nitzel) Clouse. They preceded him in death.

On Feb. 22, 1956, in Angola, he married Carolyn L. (Rodebaugh) Clouse. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Teresa Oberlin of Coldwater, Mich., and Thomas and Gwendolyn Clouse of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Debra and Timothy Rigsby of Auburn and Cheryl and Kenneth Doan of Garrett; a sister, Kathrian Keesler of Auburn; 14 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Auburn Church of Christ. John Scott and D.V. Dillinger will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.



Mr. Clouse

Agnes Galey

GARRETT — Agnes "Louise" Galey, 85, of Garrett died Sunday, Jan. 8, 2006, at 7 p.m. in her home.

She was born Aug. 28, 1920, in Ottumwa, Iowa, to Arthur and Lucy (Baker) Galey.

She worked for 17 years as a medical records clerk at San Francisco Hospital in Ottumwa. She was a fountain clerk at the Lake Shore Pharmacy in Chicago for 10 years.

She had been a Garrett resident since 1967 and was a member of the Garrett Elks Auxiliary and Garrett American Legion Auxiliary. She also was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church in Ottumwa.

Surviving are a sister, Elizabeth "Liz" Eberhard of Garrett; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and six brothers, Daniel, Theodore, Paul, Richard, James and John Galey.

There will be no services or calling. Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is handling arrangements.

Raymond Burkett

AUBURN — Raymond Alvin Burkett, 82, of Auburn died Sunday, Jan. 8, 2006, at his home.

A former Logansport resident, he moved to Auburn in 1967.

Mr. Burkett worked at United Technologies, retiring in 1987. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving in the 970th Counter

Intelligence Corps.

He was a member of the Auburn Elks Lodge and the Logansport Eagles and was a former member of the Logansport Veterans of Foreign Wars, Logansport American Legion and Logansport Moose Lodge.

He was born Oct. 28, 1923, in Walton to Emmett H. and Bertha (Stephenson) Burkett. They preceded him in death.

He married Mary McGuire on May 23, 1944, in Logansport, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Marie and Kenneth Totten of Logansport and Pam Dove of Auburn; three sisters, Helen Cunningham of Lafayette, Pauline Baber of Logansport and Grace Fry of Camden; five grandchildren, Stephen Carithers of Shoreline, Wash., Scott Carithers and his wife, Dawn, of Lucerne, Shawna Martin and her husband, Chris, of Logansport, Chad Dove and his wife, Erin, of Auburn and Tyler Dove of Auburn; three stepgrandchildren, Chad Totten, Kendra Sprague and her husband, Terry, and Heather Totten, all of Kokomo; and many nieces, nephews and extended family members.



Mr. Burkett

Lisa Sievers

WATERLOO — Lisa Ann Sievers, 47, of Waterloo and formerly of Angola died Sunday, Jan. 8, 2006, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

She had been employed at Dana Corp.

Surviving are a daughter, Angel England of Hamilton; two sons, Jason Wallace and Benjamin Wallace, both of Waterloo; two grandchildren, Sierra Wallace and Alex England; her mother, Virginia A. Roberts of Coldwater, Mich.; her father, Jim Sievers of Hendersonville, Tenn.; and two brothers, William Sievers of Portland, Tenn., and Rex Sievers of Angola.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, with burial in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, Joe, Ed, Don, Dave and Cliff Burkett; and a sister, Margaret Snyder.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Mount Hope Cemetery at Logansport.

Calling will be Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home. An Auburn Elks service will begin at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or the American Diabetes Association.

Bernadine Grimm

SEBRING, Fla. — Bernadine Grimm, 97, of Sebring and formerly of Garrett died Saturday, Dec. 31, 2005.

Mrs. Grimm moved from Garrett to Sebring in 1991. She was a homemaker and a member of First Presbyterian Church in Garrett.

She was born Oct. 11, 1908, in DeKalb County to Carl and Dora (Daniels) Dilgard.

Surviving are her grandchildren, Marsha Banicki Graham of Fort Wayne, Thomas Graham of Indianapolis and Kirk Grimm of Diamond Lake; and a niece, Ruth Wooster of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl C.

Grimm; and son, Ross "Ed" Mortorff.

Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home of Sebring handled cremation arrangements.

Robert Madajewski

AUBURN — Robert Madajewski, 75, of Auburn died Monday, Jan. 9, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Madajewski worked at Auburn Foundry for 30 years. He then owned and operated Bob's Bike Repair in Auburn.

He was a U.S. Army veteran and served in Korea.

He was born July 16, 1930, in Auburn to Lou and Ruby (Kessler) Madajewski. They preceded him in death.

On Sept. 11, 1965, in Auburn, he married Delores (Goings) Madajewski. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Kim and John MacDonald of Auburn; two stepdaughters and their spouses, Joanne and Eric Hinman of Waterloo and Jeanne and Stan Smith of Waterloo; and four grandchildren, Madison MacDonald, Landon Hinman, Katie Hinman and Taya Smith.

Graveside services were today at 11 a.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorials are to the family.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is being reprinted to correct errors.

Nathalie Van Auken

PLEASANT LAKE — Nathalie Kay Van Auken, 63, of Pleasant Lake died Monday, Jan. 9, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Van Auken was born Oct. 1, 1942, in Butler to Elwood and Eloise (Harris) Chiddister. She was married to Jack Van Auken on Nov. 26, 1961, and he preceded her in death on Jan. 24, 1999.

She had farmed all her life. She was also a homemaker. She was a member of Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church, where she was a Sunday school teacher. She was a 4-H leader for 22 years.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Scott and Marcia Van Auken of Pleasant Lake and Tim and Tiffany Van Auken of Reading, Mich; two daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Matt Bidlack and April and Matt Ridenour, all of Angola; two brothers, Nyal and Lonnie Chiddister, both of Angola; four sisters, Diana Waite of Angola, Mary Burlew of Pleasant Lake, Janet Ickes of Auburn and Carla Berry of Kernersville, N.C.; and seven grandchildren, Melinda, Kara, Lana, Haven, Kylie, Colt and Brody.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. John Boyanowski officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 1-3 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.

Memorials are to the Jack Van Auken 4-H Scholarship Fund at First Federal Savings Bank of Angola or Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church.

Steven Pfefferkorn

GARRETT — Steven E. Pfefferkorn, 46, of Garrett died Sunday, Jan. 8, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He had been ill with cancer for several years.

Mr. Pfefferkorn enjoyed working on automobiles.

He was born July 1, 1959, in LaGrange Hospital.

Surviving are his mother and stepfather, Esther and Archy Pairan of Orland; a son, Adam W. Sumner of Garrett; a daughter, Chasity Pfefferkorn; two sisters, Mary Lou Odell of Glendale, Ariz., and Barbara Sue Wagers of Argos; and four brothers, Donald Ray Pfefferkorn of Angola, Eugene Franklin Pfefferkorn of Auburn, Robert Allen Pfefferkorn of Lake Gage and Tom James Pfefferkorn of Waterloo.

His father, Raymond Pfefferkorn, preceded him in death in 1996. He also was preceded in death by a sister, Rose Marie Pfefferkorn.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in the First Baptist Church of Garrett.

Northeast Indiana Cremation Society in Fort Wayne is in charge of arrangements.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is being reprinted with new details about memorials.

Agnes Galey

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She worked for 17 years as a medical records clerk at San Francisco Hospital in Ottumwa. She was a fountain clerk at the Lake Shore Pharmacy in Chicago for 10 years.

She had been a Garrett resident since 1967 and was a member of the Garrett Elks Auxiliary and Garrett American Legion Auxiliary. She also was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church in Ottumwa.

Surviving are a sister, Elizabeth "Liz" Eberhard of Garrett; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and six brothers, Daniel, Theodore, Paul, Richard, James and John Galey.

There will be no services or calling. Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to St. Martin's Healthcare Clinic in Garrett.

Raymond Burkett

AUBURN — Raymond Alvin Burkett, 82, of Auburn died Sunday, Jan. 8, 2006, at his home.

A former Logansport resident, he moved to Auburn in 1967.

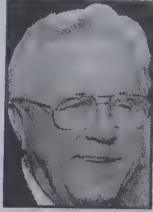
Mr. Burkett worked at United Technologies, retiring in 1987. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving in the 970th Counter Intelligence Corps.

He was a member of the Auburn Elks Lodge and the Logansport Eagles and was a former member of the Logansport Veterans of Foreign Wars, Logansport American Legion and Logansport Moose Lodge.

He was born Oct. 28, 1923, in Walton to Emmett H. and Bertha (Stephenson) Burkett. They preceded him in death.

He married Mary McGuire on May 23, 1944, in Logansport, and she survives.

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Mr. Burkett

He was preceded in death by five brothers, Joe, Ed, Don, Dave and Cliff Burkett; and a sister, Margaret Snyder.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Mount Hope Cemetery at Logansport.

Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home. An Auburn Elks service will begin at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or the American Diabetes Association.

Ruth Culler

AUBURN — Ruth L. Culler, 80, of Auburn died Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Culler worked for 14 years as a bookkeeper for Maintenance on Wheels in Butler. She then worked at the welfare department for 20 years, retiring in 1991.

She was a member of Norris Chapel United Methodist Church, where she directed the choir for 50 years.

She was born Dec. 7, 1925, in Garrett to Fred H. and Emma Marie (Gieser) Brinkman.

She married Keith Culler on Feb. 9, 1947. He died March 23, 1990.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Steven Lee and Cathy Culler of Butler, Paul and Susan Culler of Hudson and Sam and Rene Culler of Spencer; two daughters and sons-in-law, Joyce and Seldon Bradley of Zionsville and Rosemary and Keith Henderson of Hamilton; two sisters, Juanita Rhodes of Garrett and Betty Smith of Holland, Mich.; 12 grandchildren, Eric Culler, Jedd Culler, Reid Culler, Nathan Culler, Angela Dangler, Adam Henderson, Kory Henderson, Penny Penick, Heather Perkins, Matthew Culler, Mikayla Culler and Danielle Kump; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Charles and Paul Brinkman; and a granddaughter, Rachel Culler.



Mrs. Culler

Margaret Nelson

DENVER, Colo. — Margaret A. Nelson 61, of Denver died Monday, Jan. 9, 2006, after a six-year battle with cancer.

Mrs. Nelson was born on July 2, 1944, in Detroit to William N. and Rita Thompson. She was married to Dennis (Fox) Nelson.

Surviving are her mother in Angola; two brothers, Bill Jr. of Belleville, Mich., and John of Garrett; a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Glenn and Helen Nelson of Rockwell City, Iowa; and three sisters-in-law, Elaine Thorland of Cannon Falls, Minn., Andrea Kuhn of Gowrie, Iowa, and Jolene Rasty of Lohrville, Iowa.

Services will be today at 1 p.m. at BridgeWay Church in Denver. A reception will follow the services.

Memorials are to BridgeWay Church's Margaret Nelson Memorial Fund.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Norris Chapel United Methodist Church, Auburn, with the Rev. Diane Barrett officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the church.

Kathryn Bowers

HAMILTON — Kathryn Bowers, 76, of Hamilton died Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2006, at her home.

She was born March 6, 1929, in Troy Township northeast of Butler to Donald and Helen (Everetts) Casebere.

A 1947 graduate of Butler High School, she worked for Marshall Clothing, Bohn Aluminum and General Telephone. She belonged to the Hamilton Fish and Game Club.

She married Leon C. Bowers in October 1971 in Waterloo. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Kathy and Ron Vanover of Sellersburg and Amy and Brian Dutkiewicz of Hamilton; three sons and daughters-in-law,

Michael and Deb Meyer of Hamilton, Daniel and Terri Bowers of Goshen and Daryl and Katie Bowers of Soldotna, Alaska; one brother, Nile Casebere of Montgomery, Ala.; 14 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a brother, Dean.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler. Pastor Eric Stoops of the Hamilton United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery of Hamilton.

Calling will be Friday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hamilton Fire Department.



Mrs. Bowers

Robert Myers Sr.

AUBURN — Robert Myers Sr., 85, formerly of Auburn died Monday, Jan. 9, 2006, at Casper Home in Plymouth.

Born in DeKalb County, he served as an agent with Prudential Life Insurance for five years, retiring in 1970.



Mr. Myers

He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn, the Moose Lodge in Auburn and the American Legion Post in Auburn and was a U.S. Air Force veteran of World War II.

Surviving are five sons and daughters-in-law, Cliff and Terri Myers of Plymouth, Andrew and Joy Myers of Greenville, S.C., Robert and Sherri Myers of North Beach, Calif., Aubrey and Julie Gouvelia of Muncie and Gordon E. and Sherry Gouvelia of Crown Point; a daughter, Joan C. Snider of Fort Myers, Fla.; 14 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Clayton and Ellie Myers of Greenfield and Kenneth and Sonia Myers of Ocala, Fla.; and a sister-in-law, Thelma Myers of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Amelia; his father, Guy Myers, and mother, Gladys (Grogg); and two brothers, Garold Myers and Ralph Myers.

Services will be Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 211 W. Ninth St., Auburn. The Rev. Stephen Kummernuss will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Saturday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Jimmie Lindabury

AUBURN — Jimmie Lee Lindabury, 70, of Auburn died Thursday, Jan. 12, 2006, at his daughter's home in Garrett.

Mr. Lindabury drove trucks for IGA, General Electric and Stanadyne, retiring in 1985. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and a member of the Garrett Eagles.

He was born May 4, 1935, in Atoka, Okla., to Fred and Zettie (Locke) Lindabury. They preceded him in death.

He married Elberta Leavell on April 18, 1959, in Prescott, Ariz. She died July 5, 2000.

Surviving are two sons and one daughter-in-law, James Lindabury of Auburn and Loren and Ruth Lindabury of Great Falls, Mont.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Jeanna and Steven Shaver of Auburn and Elizabeth Tarlton and James Tarlton Jr. of Garrett; three sisters, Ruby Thompson of Prescott, Ruthie Depetris and Nancy Gilbert of Bluff City, Tenn.; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from noon-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is being reprinted with revised information about surviving relatives.

Robert Myers Sr.

AUBURN — Robert Myers Sr., 85, formerly of Auburn, died Monday, Jan. 9, 2006, at Casper Home in Plymouth.

Born in DeKalb County, he served as an agent with Prudential Life Insurance for five years, retiring in 1970.



Mr. Myers

He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn, the Moose Lodge in Auburn and the American Legion Post in Auburn and was a U.S. Air Force veteran of World War II.

Surviving are five sons and daughters-in-law, Cliff and Terri Myers of Plymouth, Andrew and Joy Myers of Greenville, S.C., Robert and Sherri Myers of North Beach, Calif., Aubrey and Julia Gouveia of Muncie and Gordon E. and Sherry Gouveia of Crown Point; a daughter, Joan C. Snider of Fort Myers, Fla.; 14 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Clayton and Ellie Myers of Greenfield and Kenneth and Sonia Myers of Ocala, Fla.; and a sister-in-law, Thelma Myers of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Amelia; his father, Guy Myers, and mother, Gladys (Grogg); and two brothers, Garold Myers and Ralph Myers.

Services will be Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 211 W. Ninth St., Auburn. The Rev. Stephen Kummernuss will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is being reprinted with revised information about surviving relatives.

Steven Pfefferkorn

GARRETT — Steven Eric Pfefferkorn, 46, of Garrett died Sunday, Jan. 8, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne following a battle with cancer.

Mr. Pfefferkorn enjoyed working on automobiles.

He was born July 1, 1959, in LaGrange to Raymond and Esther Leas Pfefferkorn.

Surviving are his mother and stepfather, Archie and Esther Pairan; a son, Adam W. Sumner of Garrett; four brothers, Eugene Pfefferkorn of Auburn, Robert Pfefferkorn of Angola, Thomas Pfefferkorn of Waterloo and Donald Pfefferkorn of Angola; two sisters, Mary O'Dell of Glendale, Ariz., and Barbara Wagers of Argos; two stepbrothers, Roger Pairan of Shipshewana and Ronnie Pairan; and several nephews, nieces, great-nephews and great-nieces.

He was preceded in death by his father, Raymond Pfefferkorn, in 1996; and a sister, Rose Marie Pfefferkorn.

Services will be today at 11 a.m. in the First Baptist Church of Garrett.

Northeast Indiana Cremation Society in Fort Wayne is handling arrangements.

Calling will be Friday from 3 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Saturday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Tricia Stevens

KENDALLVILLE — Tricia R. Stevens, 16, of Kendallville died at 11:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, 2006, in Kendallville.

Miss Stevens was a sophomore at East Noble High School. She worked for McDonald's Restaurant in Kendallville.



Miss Stevens

She was born Jan. 23, 1989, in Kendallville to Micky N. and Michelle (Mullins) Stevens.

Miss Stevens is survived by her mother, Michelle Stevens of Kendallville; her father, Micky N. Stevens of Albion; her grandparents, Beauford and Lois Mullins of Avilla, Gwen Cales of Orange, Texas, and Gary Stevens of Kendallville; and three brothers, Justin Stevens and Joshua Stevens, both of Kendallville, and Joseph Stevens of Avilla.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be e-mailed to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

Wendell Krafft

ST. JOE — Wendell "Ben" H. Krafft, 73, of St. Joe died Thursday, Jan. 12, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Krafft worked for Jiggs Motor Service in St. Joe for 17 years. He then worked as a road test engineer for Navistar in Fort Wayne for 28 1/2 years, retiring June 30, 1994.



Mr. Krafft

He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in St. Joe and American Legion Post 202 in Butler, served on the Legion Honor Guard and was co-chairman of the St. Joe Pickle Fest. He was a beekeeper and sold Krafft's Honey for several years. He loved to restore cars and was an avid hunter, fisherman and mushroom hunter.

He was a sergeant in the U.S. Army, serving in the 59th Field Artillery from 1953 to 1955.

He married Sandra McCann on June 21, 1956, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Kim and Debra Krafft of St. Joe and Chris and Judy Krafft of St. Joe; his mother-in-law, Effiebel (Freeburn) McCann of Auburn; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Gerald and Jennie Krafft of Auburn and Dale Krafft of St. Joe; a sister, Marlene McKinley of Angola; and four grandchildren, Caramée, Benjamin, Ethan and Nathaniel Krafft.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Mildred Banek.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in the St. Joe Church of Christ with Merle R. Holden, the Rev. Paul Row and Rod Laux officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at St. Joe.

Calling will be Sunday from 1 to 7 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Monday 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church of St. Joe, the St. Joe Church of Christ or the American Cancer Society.

Mrs. Van Auken was a gentle helper

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND

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PLEASANT LAKE — Nathalie Van Auken's daughters, Linda Bidlack and April Ridenour, both agreed that in most of their childhood memories, their mother and father were pretty much always together.

"Dad farmed and Mom was a homemaker, so they were together all the time," Linda said.

That sentiment was echoed by April.

"They were inseparable," she said. "They were a great team."

Nathalie passed away on Monday after a two-year battle with cancer. She was 63. Her husband of 38 years, Jack, preceded her in death on Jan. 24, 1999.

"Mom pretty much kept the household, cooked the meals and fed the workers on the farm and took care of us kids and Dad did the farming," April said. "One couldn't have done it without the other."

Nathalie and Jack Van Auken were very active leaders in Steuben County 4-H, and April said that was a role her mother cherished.

"She was always willing to help the kids with their 4-H projects and book work," she said. "All they had to do was call. She was very helpful to



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Nathalie Van Auken is pictured with her granddaughter Kylie Bidlack and Lucy from the Charlie Brown comic strip.

the kids in 4-H."

Linda said she has many fond memories of growing up on the family farm near Pleasant Lake with April and their two older brothers, Scott and Tim. She said her mother was well-known for her baking prowess.

"She was always taking

goodies to the church," she said.

April said as a child, it was a real treat to have a mother who could churn out amazing cakes, pies and cookies.

"It was wonderful for us," she said.

Linda wants people to remember what a giving

woman her mother was.

"She would do anything for anybody," she said.

Nathalie was a woman of great faith, and was an active member of the Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church. She was a Sunday school teacher for 22 years.

"She went to church pretty much every Sunday for as long as I can remember," Linda said. "She kept right on going until this past year when she got really sick."

April said she believes her mother began teaching Sunday school when Scott was an infant.

"I had her for Sunday school when I was in the third grade, I think," she said.

April said after Jack died, Nathalie continued to go to church and do most of the things she'd always done, but that she "seemed lost."

"She really was a lot more of a homebody after Dad died," she said.

Linda said since her mother's passing, she has come to realize how many lives she touched.

"She was liked by everybody," Linda said. "She was a sweet lady and very gentle. She didn't have a bad word to say about anybody, and that's what she tried to teach us ... that there was good in everyone."

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Wendell Krafft

ST. JOE — Wendell "Ben" H. Krafft, 73, of St. Joe died Thursday, Jan. 12, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Wilmington Township, DeKalb County, on Dec. 24, 1932 to Ray and Nellie (Boger) Krafft.

Mr. Krafft worked for Jiggs Motor Service in St. Joe for 17 years. He then worked as a road test engineer for Navistar in Fort Wayne for 28 1/2 years, retiring June 30, 1994.

He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in St. Joe and American Legion Post 202 in Butler, served on the Legion Honor Guard and was co-chairman of the St. Joe

Pickle Fest. He was a beekeeper and sold Krafft's Honey for several years. He loved to restore cars and was an avid hunter, fisherman



Mr. Krafft

and mushroom hunter.

He was a sergeant in the U.S. Army, serving in the 59th Field Artillery from 1953 to 1955.

He married Sandra McCann on June 21, 1956, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Kim and Debra Krafft of St. Joe and Chris and Judy Krafft of St. Joe; his mother-in-law, Effiebel (Freeburn) McCann of Auburn; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Gerald and Jennie Krafft of Auburn and Dale Krafft of St. Joe; a sister, Marlene McKinley of Angola; and four grandchildren, Caramée, Benjamin, Ethan and Nathaniel Krafft.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Mildred Banek.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in the St. Joe Church of Christ with Merle R. Holden, the Rev. Paul Row and Rod Laux officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at St. Joe.

Calling will be today from 1 to 7 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Monday 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church of St. Joe, the St. Joe Church of Christ or the American Cancer Society.

Martha Szeman

HAMILTON — Martha Szeman, 89, of Hamilton died Saturday, Jan. 14, 2006, at home.



Mr. Szeman

Mrs. Szeman was born Aug. 27, 1916, in Waterloo to Joseph and Magdlena (Blomeke) Miller. She

married Andrew Szeman in Auburn on Aug. 28, 1935, and he preceded her in death on Nov. 5, 1991.

She was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Waterloo, and also of the church's Rosary Society.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Philip and Rebecca Szeman of Hamilton; two daughters and sons-in-law, Susie and Kenneth Womack of Alexia, Va. and Teresa and Tony Congleton of Hicksville, Ohio; four sisters, Elvena Karst of Kendallville, Rosina McGuin of Ligonier, Isabel Luke of Ashley and Zella Ann Collins of Butler; 17 grandchildren, four stepgrandchildren and many great-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, Donald Szeman; two daughters, Irene Fee and Mary Katherine Szeman; a brother, Ambrose Miller; and a sister, Thelma Shorten.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Michael's Catholic Church, with the Rev. Dave Carkenord officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m.

Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery, Waterloo. Memorials are to the church.

Joan Coulson

BUTLER — Joan Coulson, 70, of Butler died Sunday, Jan. 15, 2006, at her home.

She was born Feb. 9, 1935, in Butler to Harry and Mildred (Smurr) Long. They preceded her in death.

She married Howard Coulson on Feb. 10, 1953, in Butler. He survives.



Mrs. Coulson

Also surviving are two sons, Richard Coulson of Garrett and Michael Coulson and his fiancée, Roberta Cornett, of Butler; a daughter and son-in-law, Sherri and Paul Katschke of Butler; a sister, Ruth Goebel of Montpelier, Ohio; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Private family services will be held. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery at Hamilton.

H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home of Butler is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Heart Association.

Condolences may be left online at hejohnsonfh.net.

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Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Philip and Rebecca Szeman of Hamilton; two daughters and sons-in-law, Susie and Kenneth Womack of Alexia, Va., and Teresa and Tony Congleton of Hicksville, Ohio; four sisters, Elvena Karst of Kendallville, Rosina McGuin of Ligonier, Isabel Luke of Ashley and Zella Ann Collins of Butler; a daughter-in-law, Dale Szeman of Angola; 17 grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; and many great-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, Donald Szeman; two daughters, Irene Fee and Mary Katherine Szeman; a brother, Ambrose Miller; and a sister, Thelma Shortgen.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Michael's Catholic Church, with the Rev. Dave Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the church.

Ilene Foglesong

GARRETT — Ilene M. Foglesong, 66, of Garrett died Sunday, Jan. 15, 2006, at her home.

Born in Kendallville, she was a manager for Clark Oil Co. in Coldwater, Mich.

She was a member of the LaOtto Wesleyan Church, the American Legion Post 86 Auxiliary in Kendallville and Choice Program F.W.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Christine Jacobsen of Garrett and Toni and Joe Miller of Granger; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Gene and Theresa Lash of Ashley, Michael and Julie Lash of O'Fallon, Ill., and Gregory Lash of Fort Wayne; a sister, Connie Patrick of Rome City; 12 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and a brother, John Lee Friend of Butler.

She was preceded in death by her father, John H. Friend; her mother, Iveta Grace Kurtz; and a sister, Lani Hall.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with Pastor Lois Watkins officiating. Burial will be in the Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. and Thursday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Sebastian Gibson

AUBURN — Sebastian Gibson, an infant, died Monday, Jan. 16, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born Jan. 12, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Surviving are his mother, Torii Lassiter of Auburn; his father, Cody Gibson of Auburn; paternal grandparents, Ron and Anna Gibson of Garrett; maternal grandparents, Layne and Michelle Lassiter of Auburn; three maternal great-grandparents, Mike and Mary Ann Richards of Frankfort and Patricia Lassiter of Frankfort; paternal great-grandparents, Carol Webb and Linda Hilton of New Haven; and a great-great grandmother, Nondus Thompson of Fort Wayne.

Services will be Thursday at 3 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Pastor Bill Lyne will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 1-3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Dorothy Watkins

FORT WAYNE — Dorothy Helen Watkins, 90, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Jan. 16, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

An Auburn native, she was a homemaker.

She belonged to the First Wayne Street United Methodist Church and had spent 10 years in the Netherlands.

Her husband, John E. Watkins, was a vice president of Tokheim Corp. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David and Nancy Watkins of Knoxville, Tenn.; a sister, Alice Porter of Garrett; two brothers, Jack Refner of Ashley and Larry Refner of Waterloo; and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one brother and four sisters.

A celebration of life reception will be from 5-7 p.m. Thursday at Hall's Guest House, 1313 Washington Center Road.

D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the United Methodist Committee on Relief in care of First Wayne Street United Methodist Church.

John Meanovich

BUTLER — John S. Meanovich, 74, of Butler died Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2006, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Mr. Meanovich worked as a millwright for Bethlehem Steel Co. in Burns Harbor. He was a past member of the Lake Station Church of God in Lake Station.

He was born Feb. 7, 1931, in West Frankfort, Ill., to Steve and Isabella (Morton) Kris. They preceded him in death.

He married Leah D. Allison on March 17, 1950, in Gary. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Deborah "Debi" and Don Ladd of Butler; a son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Elizabeth Meanovich of Portage; a daughter-in-law, Tina Meanovich of Hobart; eight grandchildren, Bryan Meanovich, Cori Robinson, Courtney Meanovich, Whitney Delaet, Kris Meanovich, Kyle Meanovich, Victoria Meanovich and Joshua Meanovich; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Daniel Meanovich; two brothers, Dan and Kris Meanovich; one sister, Myrtle O'Brien; and one great-grandson, Lhandon Daniel Meanovich.

Graveside services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in Waterloo Cemetery with Pastor Jess Jessup officiating. American Legion Post 202 of Butler will conduct military graveside services.

There will be no calling. Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association and DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Arthur White

BUTLER — Arthur D. White, 75, of Butler died at 4 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2006, at his home.

Mr. White lived in Columbia City until 1993, when he moved to Butler. He worked at Bond Flex Rubber Co.

for 14 years, retiring in 1992. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. After retirement, he enjoyed working in his yard and listening to country music.

He spent his formative years in Columbia City and attended Columbia City High School.

He was born April 20, 1930, in Columbia City to Dorsey A. and Alice M. (Long) White.

On Dec. 19, 1953, he married LaDial E. Hawn. She survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Ronda and Gary Andres of Butler, Robyn and Greg Ellerman of Rowlett, Texas, RaeAnne Minnix of Butler and ReAnne Aslaksen of Paulding, Ohio; two sons and daughters-in-law, Randall and Julie White of Jacksonville, Fla., and Roger and Ginger White of Claypool; 12 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Martha White of Columbia City.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and two sisters, Ruth Simmons and Ethel Eldridge.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, 207 N. Main St., Columbia City. Burial will be in South Park Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be posted online at www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.



Mr. White

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Sabastian Gibson

AUBURN — Sabastian Gibson, an infant, died Monday, Jan. 16, 2006, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born Jan. 12, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Surviving are his mother, Torii Lassiter of Auburn; his father, Cody Gibson of Auburn; paternal grandparents Ron and Anna Gibson of Garrett; maternal grandparents Layne and Michelle Lassiter of Auburn; maternal great-grandparents Mike and Mary Ann Richards of Frankfort; a maternal great-grandmother, Patricia Lassiter of Frankfort; paternal great-grandparents Carol Webb and Linda Hilton of New Haven; and a great-great grandmother, Nondus Thompson of Fort Wayne.

Services will be today at 3 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Pastor Bill Lyne will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be today from

1-3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family. Donations may be deposited in an account that has been opened at DeKalb Financial Credit Union.

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John Meanovich

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Mr. Meanovich worked as a millwright for Bethlehem Steel Co. in Burns Harbor. He was a past member of the Lake Station Church of God in Lake Station.

He was born Feb. 7, 1931, in West Frankfort, Ill., to Steve and Isabella (Morton) Meanovich. They preceded him in death.

He married Leah D. Allison on March 17, 1950, in Gary. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Deborah "Debi" and Don Ladd of Butler; a son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Elizabeth Meanovich of Portage; a daughter-in-law, Tina Meanovich of Hobart; eight grandchildren, Bryan Meanovich, Cori Robinson, Courtney Meanovich, Whitney Delaet, Kris Meanovich, Kyle Meanovich, Victoria Meanovich and Joshua Meanovich; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Daniel Meanovich; two brothers, Dan and Kris Meanovich; one sister, Myrtle O'Brien; and one great-grandson, Lhandon Daniel Meanovich.

Graveside services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in Waterloo Cemetery with Pastor Jess Jessup officiating. American Legion Post 202 of Butler will conduct military graveside services.

There will be no calling. Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association and DeKalb Memorial Hospice

Sharon Pankop

KENDALLVILLE —

Memorial services for Sharon Pankop, 75, of Cadiz, Ky., and formerly of Kendallville will be at 12:30

p.m. Saturday at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

The Rev. Paul Griebel of St. John Lutheran Church will officiate and Sam Weimer of Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley will assist at the service.

Mrs. Pankop died at 5:45 p.m. Friday, Dec. 30, 2005, at Trigg County Hospital in Cadiz.

She was the co-owner and vice president of Pankop's Inc. Hardware in Kendallville and attended Rockcastle United Methodist Church in Cadiz.

She was born Feb. 9, 1930, in Kendallville to Harry and Laurel (West) Rensberger.

Surviving are her husband of 59 years, Hubert Edward Pankop; a son, Dean Pankop of Corunna; three daughters, Ann Blagdon of Erlanger, Ky., Sue Karst of Princeton, Ky., and Jane Pankop of Kendallville; eight grandchildren, Alexander and Christopher Karst of Kendallville, Eric Karst of Kokomo, Gabriel Karst of Princeton, Ky., Rose Hill of Auburn, Amber Prentice of Albion and Heath and Zane Pankop of Corunna; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a sister, Prudence Emmons.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Society, the Rockcastle United Methodist Church in Cadiz or to the donor's choice.



Mrs. Pankop

David Wible

KENDALLVILLE — David Wible, 85, of Kendallville died unexpectedly Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Wible and his wife, Gene, owned and operated Wible's Department Store in Wolcottville from 1948 to 1977. He then worked seven years as a payload operator for the LaGrange County Highway Department.

In the late 1930s, he joined the Whitson Brothers Acrobatic Troupe of Kendallville and traveled the United States for several years.

Mr. Wible was a 1941 graduate of Kendallville High School. He served in the United States Air Force from 1942-1946.

He was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville and American Legion Post 86 in Kendallville. He was a 50-year member of the Meridian Sun F&AM Lodge 76 of LaGrange, where he had served as worshipful master.

Mr. Wible was a member of the Scottish Rite and Mizpah Shrine of Fort Wayne and a former member of the Wolcottville Lions Club.

He was born near Blackman Lake north of South Milford on Sept. 22, 1920, to Arthur David and Florence Eliza (Holly) Wible. He married Gene Marie Boszor on Feb. 26, 1944. She survives.



Mr. Wible

Also surviving are two sisters and a brother-in-law, Betty Shookman of Indianapolis and Kathleen and Richard DeCamp of Fort Wayne; two nieces, Janet Simmermon of Indianapolis and Holly Maranto of Fort Wayne; four nephews, Thomas DeCamp of Auburn, Joseph DeCamp of Fort Wayne, Michael Wolf of Grand Rapids and Jeffrey Wolf of Brookfield, Ill.; and eight great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, John Holly Wible, who died in World War II on Feb. 10, 1944.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Scott Pattison officiating.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Pallbearers will be Joseph DeCamp, Thomas DeCamp, Jeff Brill, Evan Brill, Mike Wolf, Jeff Wolf and Vince Maranto. Honorary pallbearer will be Dick Kresse.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home with a Masonic service by Meridian Sun Lodge at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Trinity Church United Methodist or to the American Diabetes Association.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneral-home.com.

Leon Sowles

EDON, Ohio — Leon D. Sowles, 80, of Edon died Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2006, in Edon.

Mr. Sowles worked as a machinist at Warner Gear in Auburn for 20 years, retiring in 1967. He then owned and operated Sowles Body and Fender in Auburn. He was a

U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He was born July 1, 1925, in Auburn to Jay E. and Nina T. (Collins) Sowles. They preceded him in death.

He married Josephine Baughman on July 10, 1948, in Auburn. She died March 28, 1996.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Gerald and Vickie Sowles of Edon; a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon Lynn and Fred Hardy of Toledo, Ohio; four brothers, Lloyd V. Sowles of Tahlequah, Okla., Ronald P. Sowles of Albion, Donald W. Sowles of Garrett and Eugene Sowles of Tahlequah; three sisters, Betty Jane Sauders of New Haven, Sandra Curtis of LaGrange and Diana Strong of Atlanta; three grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Dorsey Sowles.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Disabled American Veterans.

The Family of

William (Bill) Shull,

would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers, phone calls and other acts of kindness shown to us during Bill's illness and passing. A very special thanks to DeKalb Home Healthcare and nurse Deb True for all her help and kindness over the past two years. Also, DeKalb Hospice and nurse Pam for being there for us. A special thanks to the Butler Eagles and the Butler Legion for the wonderful meal. A very special thanks to Feller Funeral Home and to Ron, Karen, Dave and Justin Clark for their kind words. To Rev. Al Black for the service. Bill is in a better place. We will miss him, but always remember his kindness and his smile forever.

Lois Shull and family

Mildred Holdeman

AUBURN — Mildred E. Holdeman, 84, of Auburn, died Thursday, Jan. 19, 2006, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Holdeman was the owner of Haviland Matchmaker Antique China in Auburn for 15 years.

She was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church, Auburn Woman's Club and American Cancer Association and a volunteer at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She was born in Columbus, Neb., to William and Martha (Behlen) Lange. They preceded her in death.

Her husband, Robert E. Holdeman, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Roberta Andres of Florida, Kristina Opper of Auburn and Kathy and Larry Kruchten of Arroyo Grande, Calif.; a sister, Gertrude Gerrelts of Columbus, Neb.; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters.

Services will be Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in the Auburn Presbyterian Church, 111 W. Twelfth St. The Rev. Bill Haworth will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Thursday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Association or Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814.

David Shirk was 'kindness on parade'

BY BILL GISEL

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KENDALLVILLE

— David Winn Shirk was eulogized Saturday morning as a man of service to his country, his family and his community.

Mr. Shirk, 84, was buried Saturday at Lake View Cemetery. He was returned to the community he loved and called home after living the last few years in Wisconsin with his son, Roger, and family.

He came to Kendallville to work at McCray Refrigeration after graduating from Purdue University with a degree in mechanical engineering. He had interrupted his college education to enlist in the Army in 1942, and served his country at Normandy and in northern France, the Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe.

Pastor James Toole of the Faith United Methodist Church noted Mr. Shirk's life was all about service. After serving his country, he served his family, his church and his community.

"It was the way he lived out his faith, 24-7," Toole said,

"using the skills God had given him."

His skills were wide-ranging, but for the most part involved refrigeration, air conditioning and heating. He was partner in King-Weyler Equipment, a refrigeration and



Shirk

heating wholesaler in Fort Wayne, after McCray went out of business. Prior to that, he built and owned The Washateria on East Wayne Street, one of the first coin-operated laundries in Kendallville.

Ora Gisel, who owned a heating and sheet metal business for many years, knew Mr. Shirk from their shared Sunday school class at the old First Evangelical United Brethren Church on Mitchell Street. He got to know Mr. Shirk professionally and became a close friend at the time the Washateria was constructed, Gisel recalled.

"I supplied him with some venting material and roof caps for the dryers," Gisel said. Later, when Gisel got involved in air conditioning, Shirk offered his services to solder, pump and fill air conditioning systems. It saved Gisel a big investment in materials and equipment, and cemented their relationship.

At his church, now the Faith United Methodist Church, Mr. Shirk served in many capacities, from Sunday school superintendent to trustee. He was an honorary trustee at the time of his death Jan. 14, his pastor pointed out.

Mr. Shirk was, however, best known for his ability to keep a complex and cantankerous boiler and heating system operating at the church, and helping members of church families with broken air conditioners, refrigerators, or even lawn mowers.

Not long before becoming disabled with Alzheimer's, Mr. Shirk took it upon himself to fix a window air conditioner in the nursery of the church.

"I asked Dave how it went," Toole related to the congregation attending the Saturday

funeral. "He told me, 'Oh, just fine,' but then apologized for dropping the unit on his foot," Toole said. "He said he was just fine, but had to get it out of the window to fix it.

"Planned obsolescence was not a part of Dave's vocabulary," Toole continued. "He could fix whatever you had to be fixed."

Toole said the best way for the congregation to honor Mr. Shirk's memory was to "Ask yourself how you are helping other people, and to remember him for always being here. Whenever the church doors opened, you could count on Dave to be here."

Mr. Shirk's generation, Toole said, "Is called the greatest generation for good reason. His generation was accountable in a world that has become largely unaccountable."

Mr. Shirk's sister, Mary Bevan of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, read a poem written by her son, who recalled his Uncle Dave from summer nights spent catching lightning bugs.

"He was kindness on parade," she read.

Ella Weirich

WATERLOO — Ella F. Weirich, 97, of Waterloo, died Friday, Jan. 20, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

In Menafee County, Ky., she was born on July 12, 1908, to Richard and Nancy (Lauson) Lawson. On Aug. 8, 1926, in Waterloo, she married Willis E. Weirich. He preceded her in death on March 12, 1985.

She managed the telephone company in Wawaka from 1935

to 1942, and was a telephone operator for the Waterloo Telephone Co. for several years. She was a former employee of the Waterloo School cafeteria, and Dunn's Dairy Bar in Waterloo.

Mrs. Weirich was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women's Association, and a member and past worthy matron of the Waterloo Eastern Star Lodge.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Mary Lou and Gene Frick, Waterloo; two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Dorothy Weirich, Altus, Okla., and Donald and Linda Weirich, Greenfield; a daughter-in-law, Joyce Weirich, Muskegon, Mich.; a sister, Harriett Boulby, Elkhart; 11 grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; eight step-great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and two step-great-great-grandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by a son Richard Weirich, a grandson Nick Weirich, a great-granddaughter Misty Rayne Frick, four brothers and three sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Rev. Rex Charles officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Orpha Rowe

AUBURN — Orpha "Bud" Rowe, 76, died Saturday, Jan.

21, 2006, at the Laurels of DeKalb, Auburn.

In Floyd County, Ky., on Aug. 29, 1929, she was born to Adam and Irene (Morgan) Rowe. He married Sue Ann Coyer on Feb. 5, 1951, in Auburn. She preceded him in death on Feb. 18, 2004.

Surviving are a son Jennings



Mr. Rowe

Rowe and his fiancée Kim Kuhn, Butler; a daughter and son-in-law, Tammy and Fred Davis, Butler; a brother, Charles Rowe, Butler; a sister Judith

Rowe, Angola; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by two brothers, George and Earland Rowe, and three sisters, Della Collins, Claudia Gibson and Virginia Bailey.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at H. E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with Rev. Dale Rabineau officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery, Butler.

Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online at hejohnsonfh.net.

An Ashley-Waterloo Eastern Star Lodge service will be at 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Waterloo United Methodist Church, Waterloo.

Virginia Bry

BUTLER — Virginia L. Bry, 89, of Butler, died Saturday, Jan. 21, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

On Nov. 14, 1916, in DeKalb County, she was born to Edmond F. and Edna Faye (Zem) Freeman. She married Edward F. Bry on March 24, 1937, in DeKalb County. He preceded her in death in 1959. She was a licensed practical nurse at the Souder Hospital in Auburn, and also at Meadow Haven. She retired after a combined 26 years of service from Meadow Haven in 1978.

Mrs. Bry attended the Norris Chapel United Methodist Church, and was very proud of the family farm and being a farmer's wife.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Beverly J. and Frank Johnson, Butler; a brother and sister-in-law, Billy and Georgia Freeman, Fort Wayne; and a grandson Mark E. Johnson.

In addition to her husband and parents, a son, James E. Bry, a brother, Donald Freeman, and two sisters, Helen Griffin and Betty Berryhill, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Rev. Diane Barrett officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Priscilla Dunn

AUBURN — Priscilla F. "Peggy" Dunn, 93, of Auburn, died Friday, Jan. 20, 2006, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

On Dec. 2, 1912, in Auburn, she was born to John Perry and Rosa (Ruppert) Long. She married Robert Porter Dunn on July 25, 1941, in Ohio. He preceded her in death on March 14, 1995.

She was a homemaker and spent most of her later years in the Hamilton Lake area.



Mrs. Dunn

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Greg and Diana Dunn, Waterloo; a daughter, Denise Porter Dunn, St. Augustine, Fla.; a step-daughter and

her spouse, Judith Leigh and Thomas Sanderson, Perrysburg, Ohio; a sister, Marietta Sheets, Waterloo; seven grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Bill and Rupert Long, and a sister Mozelle Tuttle.

There are no services or visitation. A private family service will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to the Laurels of DeKalb Alzheimer's Unit.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Iona Smith

GARRETT — Iona A. Smith, 85, of Garrett died Saturday, Jan. 21, 2006, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mrs. Smith worked most of her life as a nurse's aide in Kansas City, Mo. She was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett.

She was born Nov. 1, 1920, in Garrett to Fred and Martha (Duchow) Diederich.

Her husband, Howard E. Smith, preceded her in death on Dec. 10, 1989.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, John M. and Penny Smith of Garrett; a daughter and son-in-law, Sandra J. and Charles Kelley of Kansas City, Mo.; a daughter-in-law, Sharon Smith of Elkhart; a brother and sister-in-law, Melvin and Dorothy Diederich of Garrett; six grandchildren, Curtis Smith, Christina Bennett, Johnna Miles, Michael Smith, Patrick Kelley and Shawn Steingrubby, and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Joseph E. Smith.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1349 S. Randolph St., Garrett, with the Rev. Jeffrey Horn officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Wednesday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Garrett.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is being rerun with corrected information.

Orpha Rowe

BUTLER — Orpha "Bud" Rowe, 76, died Saturday, Jan. 21, 2006, at the Laurels of DeKalb, Auburn.

He was born Aug. 29, 1929, in Floyd County, Ky., to Adam and Irene (Morgan) Rowe.



He married **Mr. Rowe** Sue Ann

Coyer on Feb. 5, 1951, in Auburn. She preceded him in death on Feb. 18, 2004.

Surviving are a son, Jennings Rowe and his fiancée, Kim Kuhn, of Butler; a daughter and son-in-law, Tammy and Fred Davis of Butler; a brother, Charles Rowe of Butler; a sister, Judith Rowe of Angola; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by two brothers, George and Earland Rowe; and three sisters, Della Collins, Claudia Gibson and Virginia Bailey.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at H. E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with the Rev. Dale Rabineau officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling with be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be posted online at hejohnsonfh.net.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is being rerun with additional information about a surviving son.

Mildred Holdeman

AUBURN — Mildred E. Holdeman, 84, of Auburn died Thursday, Jan. 19, 2006, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Holdeman was the owner of Haviland Matchmaker Antique China in Auburn for 15 years.

She was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church, Auburn Womans Club and American Cancer Association and a volunteer at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She was born in Columbus, Neb., to William and Martha (Behlen) Lange. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Roberta Andres of Florida, Kristina Opper of Auburn and Kathy and Larry Kruchten of Arroyo Grande, Calif.; a son, Mark Holdeman of Colorado; a sister, Gertrude Gerrelts of

Columbus, Neb.; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her husband, Robert E. Holdeman; two brothers; and two sisters.

Services will be Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in the Auburn Presbyterian Church, 111 W. Twelfth St. The Rev. Bill Haworth will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Thursday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Association or Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814.

Christian Martin

AUBURN — Christian M. Martin, 89, of Auburn died Monday, Jan. 23, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Born in Larvik, Norway, Mr. Martin worked as a carpenter for many years, retiring in 1980.



Mr. Martin

He was a member of Lakewood Park Baptist Church in Auburn and the New York District Council of Carpenters Union. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Mimi Martin of Auburn; two sons and daughters-in-law, Donald and Patricia Martin of Long Island, N.Y., and Paul and Donna Martin of Brockton, Mass.; a daughter and son-in-law, Judith and Allen Bennett of Auburn; a sister, Margaret Woods of Arizona; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Magnus and Lilly Martin; and three sisters.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Lakewood Park Baptist Church, 5555 C.R. 29, Auburn, with pastors Erik Bennett, Nick DiDomenico and Russ Howard officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Center Cemetery of rural Corunna.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at the McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Lakewood Park Christian School.

Doris Merriman

FORT WAYNE — Doris (Byerly) Merriman, 86, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, Jan. 22, 2006, at Golden Years Homestead in Fort Wayne.



Mrs. Merriman

Mrs. Merriman was a homemaker.

She was a member of Maranatha Church of God. She served three terms as past Noble Grand of Rebekah's Daughters.

Mrs. Merriman was a native of Craigville.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Wayne and Sandra Paxson of Avilla, Rollin and Rose Paxson of Hoffman Estates, Ill., and Keith and Kimberly Merriman of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Wendell Byerly of Angola and Leon Byerly of Ossian; three sisters, Alta Brubaker of Indianapolis, Maxine Smith of Oscala, Fla., and Wanda Carper of Auburn; 14 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. with Pastor Terry Owens officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Wednesday.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association of Allen County.

Calvin 'Lee' Tarlton

GARRETT — Calvin "Lee" Tarlton, 76, of Garrett died Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.



Mr. Tarlton

Born in Garrett, Mr. Tarlton retired in 1990 after 44 years of service as a crane operator with the B&O Railroad. He was a sergeant with the U.S. Army Paratroopers.

He was a member of American Legion Post 178 in Garrett and a life member of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees.

Surviving are his wife, Ilien Tarlton of Garrett; two sons and daughters-in-law, Johnny L. and Cynthia Tarlton and Steven L. and Delsie Tarlton, all of Garrett; five granddaughters, Ellen Flinders and her husband, Charles, of Ashley, Emily Hunter and her husband, Bruce, of Garrett, Erin Tarlton of Hudson and Leah and Keri Tarlton, both of Garrett; three great-granddaughters, Elaina, Miranda and Breanna Flinders; two stepgrandchildren, Christy Goble and her husband, John, and Matthew Rowe, all of Garrett; and a sister, Anna Mae Kresse of Howe.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Richard M. Tarlton; and a sister, Marge Shirley.

Graveside services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in Christian Union Cemetery, 4466 C.R. 7, Garrett, with the Rev. Dr. Scott Moss officiating. Military honors will be conducted by the American Legion Post 178.

Memorials are to the Garrett United Methodist Church.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Stanley Haworth

WINCHESTER — Stanley E. Haworth, 80, of Winchester died Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2006, at St. Vincent Hospital in Winchester.

Mr. Haworth was a rural mail carrier for 35 years, retiring in 1984. He was a World War II veteran, serving with the U.S. Army 82nd Airborne.

He was very active with American Legion Post 211 in Portland, having served as commander and chaplain. He was involved in Boy Scouts and was an avid fisherman and outdoorsman.

He was born Nov. 13, 1925, in Winchester to Reid and Florence (Harris) Haworth.

He married June Alexander on Jan. 7, 1945, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Ann Haworth of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Connie and Joel Roberts of Portland and Lori and Jim Spangler of Muncie; a brother, Henry Haworth of Anderson; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be Saturday at 11:30 a.m. in Fountain Park Cemetery at Winchester, with Pastor Bill Haworth officiating. Full military graveside services will be conducted by American Legion Post 211.

Calling will be Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Memorials are to Freedom Park.

Colleen Diederich

GARRETT — Colleen Dee Diederich, 71, of Orlando, Fla., died Friday, Jan. 27, 2006, at her daughter's residence in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Diederich was a teacher in Florida and at McKenney-Harrison Elementary School in Auburn. She was a social worker for Family and Social Services of DeKalb County, retiring in 1993.

She was a member of Tri Kappa Sorority and the American Legion Auxiliary in Garrett, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary of Wolf Lake, the Women of the Moose in Florida and the Red Hat Society.

She was born Feb. 27, 1934, in Garrett to James and Harriet (Ryan) Williams. They preceded her in death.

She married Wayne M. Diederich on Feb. 4, 1978, in Garrett. He survives in Orlando, Fla.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James and LuAnne Letizia of Hamilton; two daughters and sons-in-law, Susan and Rick Yingling of Fairmount and Lori and Curt Gassert of Indianapolis; and seven grandchildren, Angela Letizia and Mollyanne Letizia, both of Hamilton, Collette Sites and her husband, Eric, Breeanne Yingling and Jerica Yingling, all of Fairmount, and Austin Gassert and Michelle Gassert, both of Indianapolis.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Lisa Yingling.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Tom Novy officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Heart Fund or St. Francis Hospice of Indianapolis.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

Shirley Jones

FORT WAYNE — Shirley D. Jones, of Fort Wayne, died Sunday, Jan. 22, 2006, at her home.

Born in Maplesville, Ala., she retired from the Fort Wayne State Developmental Center

after 42 years of service.

Surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Curtis J. and Jodi Jones of Canyon Lake, Calif., James E. Jr. and Melinda Jones of Murrieta, Calif., Johnathan J. Jones of Fort Wayne and Ronnie R. and Sarah Jones of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Donna Jones-Stubblefield and Bill Stubblefield of Charlotte, N.C.; her mother, Thelma Johnson; siblings and their spouses, Versa L. Jordan and her husband, George, Willow Dean McCary, James Curtis Johnson and his wife, Bernice, Rudolph Johnson and W.J. Johnson of Alabama; her best friends, Jim Butler, Louis Jones, Mammie Stowers, Mary Curry-Pyle, Marinette Lewis, Ruth LaBlancha, Johnny C. Parker, Marilyn Lessing, Kendra Shady, Shelly Blackburn and Barb Burch; 10 grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and close friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Samuel Johnson; her former husband, James E. Jones Sr.; two brothers, Ira and Dolan Johnson; and a sister, Annie L. Bell.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in Ellis Funeral Home, 1021 E. Lewis St., Fort Wayne, with calling from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.



Mrs. Jones

Everett Pardue was 'all heart'

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ANGOLA — Diane Miller said her father, Everett Pardue, is the reason she's still alive today.

"What a man," she said, her voice shaking. "He was the best dad a person could ask for. He was always there for me ... I had a bout of depression after I lost my mom, and if it weren't for him, I don't think I'd be here."

Everett died on Jan. 7 after being diagnosed with cancer this past October. He was 76.

Everett was born in Montpelier, Ind., on June 17, 1929. He lived in Indiana most of his life, moving to Florida in 2002. He was married to Norma, the mother of his children — Carol, her sister Connie and her two brothers, Ricky and Bruce — for 50 years. Norma died in November 2000, days before what would have been the couple's 51st anniversary.

"He raised us well and we all respected him and thought the world of him," Diane said.

Everett was involved in several groups and clubs, including the Land O' Lakes Lions Club in Angola and the Winterhaven Moose Lodge in Florida. He and Norma started Chapter U (Unique) Wings of the Gold Wing Riders Association.

Everett loved motorcycles, but had to give up riding about six years ago when his hips and legs started giving him problems.

Diane said after her mother died, she worried about Everett.

"When people are together a long time and one of them dies, you worry about the one that's still alive letting go," she said. "I was scared to death of losing my dad, too."

But as it turned out, something good was waiting for Everett — his wife Carol, whom he married Sept. 21, 2002.

"I think the angels brought Carol to Dad," Diane said.

Who really brought Carol to Everett was Carol's daughter, Lynn Tuscan. Lynn and her husband Joel had been Goldwingers with Everett and Norma, and when Everett moved to Florida, she

suggested he call her mother, who lived there too.

"Lynn called Dad up and said, 'My mom's there alone, you're there alone, why don't you call her up and go out to supper sometime?'" Diane said.

Everett was noncommittal, but said he'd think about it. When a week went by and he still hadn't called Carol, Lynn called him and wanted to know why.

Everett finally did call Carol, and the two met for dinner at a Cracker Barrel restaurant in 2001.

"Dad said when he saw her get out of her car and walk across the parking lot, he said to himself, 'Oh, I hope that's her.' He just thought she was such a pretty lady."

The rest, Diane said, was history.

"When Mom died, I was just so doggone worried," she said. "Then Carol came along, and he loved her so much."

Everett worked for two parks in Steuben County — Pokagon State Park on Lake James, where he was superintendent for four years, and the Steuben County 4-H Park on Crooked Lake, where he was purveyor for 17 years. He had also worked for the Indiana Department of Transportation for 27 years.

"He really gave his heart and soul to the community," Diane said. "He was really in his element when he was at the parks. He loved working outdoors and he loved being with people. Pokagon meant the world to him."

Diane said working at the 4-H Park gave her father a chance to meet a lot of new people, which he relished.

"He'd ride around on the mower, and when people pulled into the park it was just like they'd known him forever," she said.

Diane said nature was one of her father's truest passions.

"He'd tell my mom he was going to go sit in his office, and he'd go out and sit on his swing to watch the birds and the airplanes," she said.

Lisa Pardue was married to Everett's son Bruce for 18 years, and said her father-in-law was "a good man."

"He was like a big bear,"



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Everett and Norma Pardue, center, are pictured with their four children in this family photo. Children from left include, Diane Miller, Bruce Pardue, Connie Pardue and Rick Pardue. Everett Pardue died Jan. 7 after being diagnosed with cancer this past October. He is pictured with his first wife, Norma, who passed away in November 2000, days before what would have been the couple's 51st anniversary.

she said. "He could be gruff sometimes, but usually wasn't."

Diane agreed. "He was 6-foot-4, and had a stomach like he was nine months pregnant," she said with a chuckle. "But he was all heart, and he was so gentle."

Lisa said something she would always remember about Everett was his sensitivity.

"He could be easily moved to tears, I know that," she said. "At his mother-in-law's 95th birthday party, he wanted to stand up and say something, but he couldn't get through it."

Bruce said his father had been a drummer for local bands and had played at area taverns, and that he had gotten together with "a bunch of retirees down in Florida" to play when he moved there.

"They played at the welcome center and at housing additions," Bruce said.

Diane said she remembers her mom and dad going off to gigs when she was young.

"We'd stay at my grandma's while they went," she said.

Bruce said he sees a lot of his dad in himself, and that he likes that.

"I pretty much take after him," he said. "He was mild-mannered and even-tempered. He was a great grandfather. He didn't get to see my kids much because he lived in Florida, but he was always good with them and I know he loved them to death."

Diane said something that gets her through now that her father is gone is that it seems as though everyone who knew him has a kind word to say about him.

"The rapport he had with people he worked with over the years ... it's amazing," she said.

"I don't know of anybody who didn't like him. No one has anything but good things to say about him."

Not only did people like Everett Pardue, Diane said, but it seemed as though he always returned the sentiment.

"I don't think there was a person he wouldn't have accepted as a friend," she said.

Everett's family will hold a memorial service for him on April 8 at Peace Lutheran Church in Fremont. There will be calling at 10 a.m., the service at 11 a.m., and a luncheon at 11:45 a.m.

John Ingels

FRANKFORT — John Mark Ingels, 56, of Frankfort died Thursday, Jan. 26, 2006.

Mr. Ingels was a 1968 graduate of Richmond High School and a 1974 graduate of Ball State University. He moved to Frankfort in 1974 and began working at Loehr's Inc.

In 1976, he began a 21-year career with Nixon Newspapers of Peru, Ind., as the first manager of Frankfort Cable Television.

In 1988, he was named publisher of the Frankfort Times and held that position until his resignation in 2000. While at the Frankfort Times, he was nominated by his staff and named Boss of the Year.

He was former president of the Clinton County Chamber of Commerce, Frankfort Kiwanis and the Clinton

County Boys and Girls Club, which presented him with the Man & Youth award in 1987.

He was a former officer of the Frankfort Jaycees. He served as a board member of Frankfort Main Street, Clinton County Economic Advancement Foundation and Red Barn Theater and served as a trustee of Ivy Tech State College in Lafayette.

He was born Oct. 1, 1949, in Richmond to Paul F. and Jean (Hoggatt) Ingels.

He married Julia Baysinger of Auburn in 1974. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Matthew H. Ingels of Malibu, Calif.; and a daughter, Kathleen C. Ingels of Bloomington.

Private family services will be held.

Calling will be Tuesday from 3-5 p.m. at Goodwin Funeral Home Chapel, 200 S. Main St., Frankfort.

Memorials are to the Ingels children's college fund.

Condolences may be posted online at goodwinfuneral-home.com.

Robert Shoudel

FORT WAYNE — Robert A. Shoudel, 82, of Fort Wayne died Friday, Jan. 27, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Auburn, he was a technician for 20 years at Strahm Flooring, retiring in 1983.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and a member of Carpenters Union 232.

Surviving are his wife, Eileen R. Shoudel of Fort Wayne; a son, David Shoudel of Dallas; a daughter, Nancy Patton of New Haven; two sisters, Mary Roop of Auburn and Patricia Cline of Butler; and two grandchildren.

Tom Mungovan Funeral Home of Fort Wayne is in charge of arrangements.

Clara Hembree

FORT WAYNE — Clara U. Hembree, 76, of Fort Wayne died Friday, Jan. 27, 2006, at a nursing home.

She had been a nurse at the Fort Wayne State Hospital and VA Hospital. She was a member of the Third Street Church of God.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Dallas and Ann Hembree of Springfield, Ohio, and Robert Hembree of Auburn; five sisters, Tressie Siler of Williamsburg, Ky., Allie Siler of Jacksboro, Tenn., Alberta Ballard of Dayton, Ohio, Martha Goins of LaFollette, Tenn., and Mary Schoeff of Coushatta, La.; a sister-in-law, Heidi Moses; two brothers, the Rev. J.C. Moses of Gratis, Ohio, and Eugene Moses of Eaton, Ohio; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were brothers Ed, Charlie, Frank, Billy and Leon.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday in C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St. Pastor Truman Smith will officiate. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Third Street Church of God food bank.

Betty Perdue

ROANOKE, Va. — Betty Prillaman Perdue, 87, of Roanoke, Va., died Sunday, Jan. 29, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Perdue was a member of the Huntington Court United Methodist Church.

Born May 21, 1918, in Franklin County, Va., she was the daughter of Thomas Green Prillaman and Eula Prillaman. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Janis Perdue Arrington and Mike Arrington of Auburn; five grandchildren, Chuck Arrington, Robbie Arrington, Lori Arrington, Jeff Arrington and Brook Arrington and their families; seven great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert L. Perdue Jr.; a son, Robert L. Perdue III; two sisters, Lucille Bryant and Rita Woods; a half sister, Daisy Lee Jones; and a half brother, Vernon "Roy" Prillaman.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in the North Chapel at Oakey's Funeral Service in Roanoke, Va. The Rev. Russell Cheatham will officiate. Burial will be in Mountain View Cemetery of Franklin County, Va.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Huntington Court United Methodist Church, 3333 Williamson Road, Roanoke, VA 24012.

Delores Perkins

LYONS, Ga. — Delores B. Perkins, 62, of Lyons died Sunday, Jan. 29, 2006, at Regional Medical Center of Vidalia, Ga., after an extended illness.

Mrs. Perkins was born in Chicago and had lived in Lyons for the past 15 years. She was a homemaker and a member of Liberty Baptist Church in Hazlehurst, Ga.

Surviving are seven daughters and sons-in-law, Deborah and Anthony Anderson of Jesup, Ga., Tracy and Bill Zimmerman of Hudson, Karen and Anthony Emerick and Kathy and Chad Neesmith, all of Vidalia, Krissy Derrick Oliver of Collins, Ga., Dottie and Barney Hutcheson of Lyons and Connie Jo and Garrett Durrence of Glenville; a son and daughter-in-law, Tony and Nikole Perkins of Vidalia; a sister and brother-in-law, Dorothy and Terry Taylor of Hazlehurst; and 16 grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Ronnie L. Stewart Family Funeral Service, Chapel of Vidalia, with the Rev. Bill Vansant officiating. Burial will be in Pinecrest Cemetery, Vidalia.

Calling will be Wednesday beginning at 6 p.m.

Memorials are to the Tracy Zimmerman Leukemia Fund in care of the funeral home.

Gene Peters

AVILLA — Gene "Pete" Peters, 77, of Avilla died at 11:32 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville, where he had been a patient since Jan. 26.

Mr. Peters had owned and operated Pete's Shell Station in Avilla from

1957 to 1977. He also co-owned LaOtto Realty & Auctioneering until 1984 and served as Allen Township trustee for several years.

He served as bar manager at Avilla American Legion Post 240 from 1984-1996.

Mr. Peters was a 1946 graduate of Avilla High School and served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict.

He had served as commander of Avilla American Legion Post 240 and as past northern vice commander of the state of Indiana American Legion.

Mr. Peters was a member of 40 & 8, Mizpah Shrine of Fort Wayne and the Huntertown Masonic Lodge.

He was born Nov. 2, 1928, in LaOtto to Raymond and Hazel (Campbell) Peters. He married Donnabell Mae Miller on Nov. 1, 1958, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla. She died May 27, 1982. He then married Lillian Juengle Rasler on Aug. 29, 1987, in Immanuel Lutheran Church. She died Dec. 15, 1996.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Brett and Pam Peters of Avilla and Chad and Lynda Wappes of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Sherry and James Woodward of Garrett; a sister, Chloe Davis of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and four stepchildren.



Mr. Peters

He was also preceded in death by his father, his mother and his stepfather, Bob Balliet.

Services were today at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with the Rev. Dean Bearman officiating. Military graveside services by Avilla American Legion Post 240 were at Immanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery. Pallbearers were Nate Wappes, Jason Woodward, Eric Woodward, Scott Davis, Mark Davis and Tom Davis. Honorary pallbearers were Kyle Peters, Taylor Peters, Brooks Miller, Hunter Woodward, Landon Woodward and Kim Davis.

Memorials are to Immanuel Lutheran Church Preschool.

Pauline Worden

GARRETT — Pauline June (Smith) Worden, 77, of Garrett died Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn after a long battle with cancer.

Mrs. Worden was born near Ashley to Paul E. and Blanche Smith. She



Mrs. Worden

was a graduate of Warner's Beauty School and was employed by International Harvester.

Upon moving to Garrett, she operated Worden's Beauty Shop for 20 years. She and her husband retired to Florida in 1979, where she obtained her real estate broker's license.

Her hobbies included golf, puzzles and playing cards.

Surviving are her husband of 58 years, Harry; two sons and daughters-in-law, Denny and Linda Worden of Angola and Randy and Diana Worden of Noblesville; two grandsons, Joel Worden of Noblesville and Eric Worden of Fort Wayne; and a brother and sister-in-law, Harold and Pat Smith of Ashley.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a twin brother, Paul E. Smith Jr.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Paul Marki officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna.

Calling will be Friday from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.

Memorials are to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, 2000 North Wells St., Building 5, Fort Wayne, IN 46808.

Ferris Croy

YODER — Ferris Bond Croy, 69, of Yoder died Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Auburn, he was a die cutter with Prentice Products for 40 years. He retired in 2001 from TDR Screen Graphics after nine years.

Surviving are his wife, Diane J. Croy; two daughters and a son-in-law, Dawn D. Barnett of Fort Wayne and Kelly A. and Dan Pemberton of New Haven; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Robert and Jona Croy of Yoder and Mark Croy of LaOtto; 11 grandchildren; a great-grandchild; a sister, Wanda Potts of Fort Wayne; and two brothers, Lester Waterson of Auburn and Reed Ellis of Carrollton, Ga.

A daughter-in-law, Jayne Croy, preceded him in death.

Services will be at noon Saturday in D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave., Fort Wayne, with burial at Eel River Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday and from 11 a.m.-noon Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association or the American Heart Association.

Juanita Gronau

FORT WAYNE — Juanita M. Gronau, 85, died Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2006, at Riverbend Health Care Center in Fort Wayne.

Born in St. Joe in DeKalb County, she was a security officer with Kmart for 15 years, retiring in 1982. She was a member of the Eagles, Moose Lodge and American Legion Post 241 Auxiliary.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Daryl Dean and Debbie Gronau of Wilmington, N.C.; a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Gene Baumgartner of Decatur; a sister, Edith Hershberger of Auburn; a brother, Norman William Cook of Butler; a daughter-in-law, Bev Gronau of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edgar A. Gronau, in 1967; a son, Terry Gronau, in 2002; two sisters, Dorothy Hall and Marie Hand; and a grandson, Brian Gronau.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave. Burial will be in Oaklawn Cemetery of Ossian.

Calling will be Friday from 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society Greater Fort Wayne Unit, 1417 N. Anthony Blvd., Fort Wayne IN 46805.

Joan Bobay

FORT WAYNE — Joan M. "Jody" Bobay, 74, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Garrett, she was a freelance sports writer with The News-Sentinel and Today's Catholic. She previously worked at WKJG Radio and TV.

She was a piano teacher, a member of St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church and ZTA Sorority and a 1953 graduate of Indiana University.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Terry Bobay and John and Teresa Bobay, all of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Peggy and Bob Nicola, also of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren, Elizabeth, Amy and Bobby Nicola; her mother, Helen Carlin of Garrett; and a brother, Bill Carlin of Garrett.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alfred, in 1996.

Services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, 1502 E. Wallen Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery.

Calling is today from 5-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne with a vigil at 5 p.m. Additional calling will be Friday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Televised Mass in care of Catholic Communications.

Paul Johnson

AUBURN — Paul J. Johnson, 83, of Auburn died Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

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Surviving are a daughter, Mary Ann Johnson; three nephews, Mitchell A. Newell of Huntington, Michael C. Newell of Warsaw and Mark R. Newell of Auburn; two nieces, Audrey Baer of Columbia City and Angie Newell of Fort Wayne; and a special friend, Josephine Jensen.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Dorothy Johnson, and second wife, Martha L. Johnson.

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Wilmer Wagler

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Wilmer Wagler, 79, of Hicksville and formerly of Sarasota, Fla., died Friday morning, Feb. 3, 2006, in his home.

Mr. Wagler was a farmer and woodworker. While living in Sarasota, he and his wife were caretakers at a group home. He was a member of the Tourist Mennonite Church in Sarasota and attended the Hicksville Mennonite Church in Hicksville.

He was born Aug. 8, 1926, in Loogootee, Fla. to William and Mary (Yoder) Wagler. They preceded him in death.

In 1951, he married Betty Graber. She survives.

Also surviving are six sons and daughters-in-law, Daniel and Donna Wagler of Auburn, William and Linda Wagler of Hicksville, Menno and Ada Wagler of Hudson, Joe and Kathy Wagler of Sarasota, Fla., James and Abigail Wagler of Fremont and Michael and Tanya Wagler of Hamilton; three daughters and sons-in-law, Mary and Kenny Crites of Hicksville, Julia and Kenny Wallace of Nashville, Tenn., and Hannah and Dwayne Weaver of Harrisonburg, Va.; 18 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; four brothers, Omer, Simon, Ray and Dale Wagler; and three sisters, Lena Barkman, Mildred Delagrange and Catherine Delagrange.

He also was preceded in death by a son, Wilmer Jr.; a daughter, Elizabeth; a sister, Rose Delagrange; and infant brothers Wilbur and William.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in the Hicksville Mennonite Church. Pastor Steve Eicher will officiate. Burial will be at Lost Creek Cemetery in Hicksville.

Calling is at the church today from 5 to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 3 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m.

Smith and Brown Funeral Home of Hicksville is handling arrangements.

Carl Myers Jr.

SPENCERVILLE — Carl W. Myers Jr., 57, of Spencerville died Thursday, Feb. 2, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

He was a tax preparer in Spencerville and had worked in quality assurance at Federal Mogul.

Mr. Myers was a veteran of the Vietnam War.

He was born in Portland May 25, 1948, to the late Carl

William and Betty Louise (Lewis) Moses Myers.

On Jan. 19, 1975, he married Constance Osborn in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Hillary Myers of Spencerville; a stepdaughter, Jennifer Loshe of Bluffton; a sister, Margaret Jolayne Ely of Chattanooga, Tenn.; one nephew; and three nieces.

There will be no calling or services.

Arrangements are by the Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home of Spencerville.

Connar Dutton

GARRETT — Connar Matthew Dutton, 6 months old, died Thursday, Feb. 2, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital.

He was born July 21, 2005, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his parents, Steven C. Minnich of Garrett and Kelle R. Dutton, also of Garrett; a brother, Trae C. Minnich of Auburn; and his grandparents, Amy Truesdell of Garrett, John Dutton of Hamilton and Sterling and Wendy Robbins of Garrett.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with John Adams officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Sunday from noon to 2 p.m. and 3 to 5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Children's Hospitality House. Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

David Wible lived adventurous life

BY BILL GISEL

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KENDALLVILLE

David Wible always was adventurous, according to his wife of nearly 62 years, Gene.

Mr. Wible, 85, died Jan. 18, 2006, at the home he and Gene shared on Kendallville's east side.

"When he was only 4 years old, he climbed the windmill on the family farm," his wife said. "He told me he was glad his dad came up and got him. His parents were afraid the spinning windmill would knock him off!"

When Mr. Wible was 6, he was operating a tractor on the family farm, northwest of Blackman Lake near South Milford.

"He was too short to reach the foot pedals, so his father would get the tractor and plow going, and then jump off. Dave would plow until his father came to get him and jump back on and stop it," she laughed.

His father, Arthur, raised onions and potatoes. Mr. Wible developed strong arms and shoulders on his 5-foot, 9-inch frame lifting 60-pound crates of vegetables. He could lift five at a time, Mrs. Wible said.

Unable to sell onions for more than 50 cents a crate, Mr. Wible looked for ways to make some money to help his parents. Through Art Bassett, a family friend, he was allowed to quit school and join brothers Les and Buddy Whitson and their acrobatic troupe.

"He was a bottom man," Mrs. Wible explained. He threw the Whitsons and other troupe members as they somersaulted through the air. He traveled the country performing with the troupe, once spending three months at the Empire Room in Chicago and then two months at the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans.

When the Whitsons cut the act from six men to four, Mrs. Wible recalled, Mr. Wible returned to Kendallville High School. He was nearing graduation in 1941 when he again was asked to join the troupe.

"He said no, because he wanted to finish high school, but it was arranged that he



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Dave Wible sits in the shoe section of the Wible Department Store in Wolcottville, which he and his wife, Gene, operated from 1948 to 1977. Mr. Wible had been a member

of an acrobatic troupe at the time he was drafted for World War II. His military job was photography.

could get more time for testing," his wife recalled. He was still performing when he was drafted, and arrived home with only enough time to spend 30 minutes with his family before reporting to the Selective Service Office in LaGrange for induction.

Mrs. Wible, who had been dating her future husband, said she was especially fond of the blue-and-gold uniforms worn by the acrobatic troupe. "They wore what you would call a sport coat now," with gold pants, she said.

Stationed in Texas where Mr. Wible took portraits of graduates of bombardier school, among other things, the Wibles were married Feb. 26, 1944. They tried to get word to Mr. Wible's brother, John, who was with the U.S. Army in Europe. It was March before they learned that John Wible had been killed at Casino, in the Italian campaign, on Feb. 10.

Mrs. Wible was introduced to the adventurous side of her husband's life when they traveled by Indian motorcycle

1,500 miles from Texas to the family home. They would have a life together in which they did everything together, she said, except fishing.

"Dave loved to fish, and I did fish with him some, but not very often," she laughed. "He would say, 'Oh, let's just go out for an hour,' and we would be gone for six hours," she said. "I didn't care for that so much."

"He always said he wanted me with him, and we always worked together," she continued. The exception was a few short years after Mr. Wible retired from the LaGrange County Highway Department, and she continued to work at Peoples Federal Savings Bank in LaGrange.

Together they operated Wible's Department Store in Wolcottville from 1948 to 1977. The store "had a little bit of everything" and on Saturday nights during the first 10 or so years, the store stayed open until the movie theater located behind the store emptied at 11 p.m.

Mrs. Wible said people would come in after the show and visit, and in the summer, when it was hot, a whole group of people would go to the Atwood Lake beach for a swim.

"Dave always liked a good laugh, and he loved people," Mrs. Wible said. "He never saw a stranger."

Mrs. Wible said they never had children of their own, but children were attracted to her husband, especially nieces and nephews and later, their children.

"We were best friends, and he always made my life interesting," she said of her husband. "We laughed a lot."

Mrs. Wible said her husband remained active in retirement, and liked to be busy. She said her husband loved to drive, and they took drives nearly every day. Often they drove by the old family farm, which she said is now a "buffalo ranch."

Mr. Wible died suddenly, after an illness of just a few days, and as they had been for nearly 62 years, they were together.

Jeannie Zee

AUBURN — Jeannie M. Zee, 91, of Auburn died Sunday, Feb. 5, 2006, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

She was born Jan. 1, 1915, in Buffalo, N.Y., to James W. and Vetta (Wilson) Gordon. They preceded her in death.

She married Raymond W. Zee on June 3, 1938, in Armour, N.Y. He died May 23, 1975.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Zee were graduates of East Aurora High School. They lived in East Aurora, N.Y., for more than 30 years until moving to Hamilton Lake in 1974 upon their retirement. In 1989, Mrs. Zee moved to Auburn.

For more than 20 years, she served as secretary to three superintendents of schools, Walter Bumgardner, C.M. Green and William Crocoll. She also was secretary to the board of education and school district clerk.

She attended the University of Buffalo, where she earned the Certified Professional Secretary rating in 1961.

She was a former member of the Baker Memorial United Methodist Church in East Aurora, the Hamilton Methodist Church and the Auburn First United Methodist Church. For many years she sang in the choirs in the various churches, taught Sunday school and held several offices.

She was a former member of the Eastern Star, the Steuben Women's Club, the Hamilton Study Club and the Minerva Club of Waterloo, holding office in all the organizations.



Mrs. Zee

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Sharon and Jerry Zonker of Auburn, Martha and Paul Diller of Lompoc, Calif., and Cathy and Leigh Furnal of Williamson, N.Y.; two sisters, Eleanor Barrick of Lady Lake, Fla., and Esther Beck of Fort Myers, Fla.; six grandchildren, Todd Zonker, Beth Friskney, Scott Diller, Garth Diller, Craig Furnal and Erin Furnal; and four great-grandchildren, Callie Zonker, Riley Zonker, Jack Friskney and Luke Friskney.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Catherine Blakely; and one great-grandson, Sam Friskney.

A memorial service will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the chapel of Auburn First United Methodist Church. The Rev. Ted Jansen and the Rev. Wilbur Yates will officiate. Burial will be at a later date in Hamilton Cemetery.

Memorials are to Auburn First United Methodist Church of a charity of the donor's choice.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Lloyd McClellan

BUTLER — Lloyd McClellan, 94, of rural Butler died Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler, where he was a resident.

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Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Krill Funeral Home, 114 E. Hull St., Edgerton, Ohio. Pastor Tim Gleason will officiate. Burial will follow in Eddy Cemetery of Hamilton.

Calling will be Tuesday from 3-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Future Farmers of America or a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent and an online guest register may be signed at www.krillfuneral-service.com.

Darwin Bryan

LAOTTO — Darwin "Bud" P. Bryan, 78, of LaOtto died Sunday, Feb. 5, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mr. Bryan was a lifelong LaOtto resident. He was a retired farmer, and he drove a school bus for 15 years. He had



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been on the board of directors for Farmers & Merchants Bank for the past 20 years.

He was a member of the Huntertown Masonic Lodge and Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto. He also was involved with the LaOtto Fire Department and numerous community organizations.

Mr. Bryan was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He was born Feb. 5, 1928, in Fort Wayne to Darwin and Carrie (Wiant) Bryan. They preceded him in death.

He married Esther Illene Stonestreet in June 1947. She died in June 1996.

Surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Darwin Scott Bryan, Terry and Donna Bryan and Shanan Bryan, all of LaOtto, and John Kevin and Jackie Bryan of Albion; a brother, Thomas James of St. Clairsville, Ohio; a sister, Iris J. Campbell of Garrett; 11 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Glene Bryan.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Pastor Susan Socha will officiate. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling is today from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home, with a Masonic service tonight at 7:30.

Memorials are to the LaOtto Fire Department.

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Beverly Richards

AUBURN — Beverly J. (Rudolph) Richards, 72, of Auburn died Monday, Feb. 6, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Richards was employed at Modern Air in Waterloo. She loved playing euchre every Tuesday at the Auburn Moose Lodge.

She was born in Auburn on Jan. 26, 1934, to Naomi Wyatt, who preceded her in death.

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Surviving are two daughters, Sherrie M. Feltz of Polk City, Fla., and Linda K. Likens of Auburn; three sons, Terry W. Rudolph of Montpelier, Ohio, Patrick A. Rudolph of Kendallville and Michael A. Rudolph of Baltimore, Md.; a foster daughter, Mickey Cox of Fort Wayne; five stepchildren; her former mother-in-law, Mary Katherine Rudolph of Huntertown; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Tielor McDowell

AUBURN — Tielor Grayson McDowell, 3 months old, of Auburn died Sunday, Feb. 5, 2006, at his home.

He was born Nov. 7, 2005, in Auburn to Michele LeClere and Steven McDowell, both of Auburn. They survive.

Also surviving are grandparents Janice McDowell of Auburn, Robert McDowell of Butler and Delena LeClere of Las Vegas, Nev.; great-grandparents Mike and Judy McDowell of Waterloo; a great-great-grandfather, Charles Sanders Sr. of Waterloo; and a great-aunt and great-uncle, Travis and Tracy McDowell of Butler.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Al Black will officiate. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery of Waterloo.

Calling will be Wednesday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Margie Doden

AUBURN — Margie Doden, 82, of Auburn died Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Doden worked as an administrative assistant to the president of Ambassador Steel in Auburn.

She was a member of Lakewood Park Baptist Church of Auburn. Fifty years ago, she and her husband, the Rev. Chester A. Doden, came to Auburn to serve the community. Their church, the Bible Baptist Church, was the predecessor of Lakewood Park Baptist Church.

She was born March 5, 1923, in Carrier Mills, Ill., to Vaughn Clifford and Ethel (Linn) Brown. Her parents preceded her in death.

She married the Rev. Chester A. Doden on June 15, 1941, in Mount Ayr, Ind. He died Aug. 26, 1981.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Daryle Linn and Brenda Doden of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Sandra D. and Richard Latham of Hoopston, Ill.; a very dear and special friend, Lucy Ordway of Auburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Doris Brown of Oklahoma City, Okla.; two sisters-in-law, Julia Brown of Merrillville and Dana Brown of Columbia, Mo.; seven grandchildren and their spouses, Eric and Maci Doden, Laurie Doden, Tami and Brian Best, Kara Doden, Jared Doden, Douglas and Kim Latham and Vaughna and Roger Allen; and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by an infant sister and three brothers, Kenneth, Bill and Max Brown.

A memorial service will be Monday at 7 p.m. in Lakewood Park Baptist Church. Pastors Clare Jewell, Russ Howard and Brian Best will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Thomas Whitt

MacCLENNY, Fla. — Thomas W. "Bill" Whitt, 75, of MacClenny, Fla., and formerly of Kendallville died Monday, Feb. 6, 2006, in MacClenny.

Mr. Whitt was born Aug. 15, 1930, in Honaker, Va., to Birt and Osie (Ray) Whitt. He lived in Auburn and Ashley before moving to Kendallville and then to Florida.

Surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Patty and Al Singleton of Lake City, Fla.; and six brothers, Ralph Whitt of Richlands, Va., Lonnie Whitt of Alabama, Bertie Whitt of Kendallville, Lloyd Whitt of Rural Retreat, Va., Donald Whitt of Pilgrims Knob, Va., and Raymond Whitt of Waterloo.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Fairfield Cemetery, DeKalb County, with the Rev. Craig Burkholder officiating. There will be no calling.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, is in charge of arrangements.

Calling will be Monday from 1-4 p.m. and 6-7 p.m. at Lakewood Park Baptist Church.

Memorials are to Lakewood Park Christian School.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Marvel Daub

AUBURN — Marvel J. Daub, 85, of Auburn died Monday, Feb. 6, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home of Garrett.

Mrs. Daub served as cafeteria manager at McKenney-Harrison Elementary School in Auburn for 37 years, retiring in 1997.

She was born May 5, 1920, in Auburn to Gerald and Lucile (Mitchner) Purdy. They preceded her in death.

She married Frank Daub on June 21, 1941, in Auburn. He died June 19, 2000.

Surviving are two sons, David Daub and Eugene Daub, both of Auburn; two sisters, Marlene Kukulies of Garrett and Sarasota, Fla., and Deanna VanElla of Angola; three grandchildren, JoDe Payton, David Daub and Carry Daub; and three great-grandchildren, Sydney Daub, ElaRae Daub and Bailey Payton.

She was preceded in death by a brother, DeWayne Purdy.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

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Wave Cook

COLUMBIA CITY — Wave E. "Dink" Cook, 81, of Columbia City died Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2006, at 7:25 a.m. at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City. He had been admitted to the hospital on Jan. 21.

He was born Feb. 28, 1924, in Coesse to Wave Allen and Blanche (Tucker) Cook. He grew up in Union Township and graduated from Coesse High School.

On June 28, 1942, he married Marilyn V. Mossburg. They made their home in Union Township until moving into Columbia City in October 2002. Mrs. Cook died March 5, 2004.

On Nov. 4, 1944, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving in the Asiatic-Pacific area during World War II. He was honorably discharged March 16, 1946.

In 1986, he retired from Essex with 34 years of service. He also drove trucks for Cook's Trucking and was a co-operator of Cook's Ten Pin.

His memberships include Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks 1417, Eagles 1906 and American Legion Post 98.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Wanda Cook of Auburn and Dennis and Patty Cook and Tim and Kathy Cook, all of Columbia City; a daughter and son-in-law, Tami and John Martin of South Whitley; 10 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Jack Cook.

Services will be Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, 207 N. Main St., Columbia City, with the Rev. Penny Mosher officiating. Burial will be in Union Township Cemetery with military honors by American Legion Post 98.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home, with an Elks service at 8 p.m.

Barbara Carey

ANGOLA — Barbara A. Carey, 52, of Angola died Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Carey was born July 13, 1953, in Detroit to Gale L. and Beulah M. (Dixon)

Mead. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are a son, Keith Roebel of Waterloo; two daughters, Rhonda Cain of Pleasant Lake and Karla Roebel of LaGrange; her mother, Beulah Mead of Angola; a sister, Nancy German of San Antonio, Texas; four grandchildren, Alyster and Thomas Roebel of LaGrange and Zachary and Austin Roebel of Waterloo; and a former husband, Thomas Roebel of Angola.

She was preceded in death by her father; a brother, Gale Lee Mead; and two husbands, Robert Carey and David Brannan.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Saturday at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola.

Calling will be Saturday from 4 p.m. until the time of the service.

Memorials are to the Kidney Foundation.

Condolences can be left for the family online at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Memorials are to the Whitley County Community Foundation.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneral-home.com.



Mrs. Carey

Cora Miller

KENDALLVILLE — Cora Bethelene Miller, 77, died Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Born in Edgerton, Ohio, she was a homemaker, a longtime member of

the Women of the Moose in Auburn and a graduate of Butler High School. She loved gardening and flowers.

Surviving are two daughters, Barbara Miller-Smith of California and Meri Beth Miller of Auburn; a daughter-in-law, Dianne Miller of Auburn; two sons and daughters-in-law, John and Carolyn Miller of Illinois and David and Debbie Miller of Indianapolis; 14 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harley Martz and Cora (Bowman) Martz; a son, Val Miller Jr.; two brothers, Harley "Bud" Martz and David L. Mulner; and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in the Indian Village Church of God, Erie Pass and Superior Drive, Auburn. The Rev. Harland will officiate.

Calling will be Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Saturday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the family.



Mrs. Miller

George Hidy

AUBURN — George F. Hidy, 81, of Auburn died Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Hidy worked at Warner Gear for 30 years, retiring in 1990.

He served as a sergeant in the U.S. Marines during World War II and the Korean War. He was a member of the Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion Post 178 in Garrett and the Marine Corps Association in Fort Wayne.

He was born Nov. 19, 1924, in Auburn to Paul E. and Ethel M. (Bowman) Hidy. They preceded him in death.

He married Nydia Blanco on March 31, 2001, in Cape Coral, Fla., and she survives.

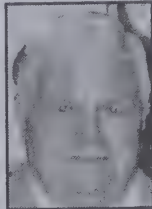
Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, George Hidy Jr. and Patty Hidy of Sterling, Va., and John and Cindy Jackman of California; five daughters and four sons-in-law, Carol and Steve Deminco of Washington, D.C., Paula and Phil Borden of South Carolina, Beth Ann and Gary Dobrovodsky of Auburn, Cindy Laramore of Pennsylvania and Sandra and Dave Dietrich of Hamilton; a sister, Jean Warner of Fort Myers, Fla.; 16 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be Saturday at noon in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Chaplain Paul Marki officiating.

Calling will be Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon at the funeral home.

Burial will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn. A graveside military service will be conducted by American Legion Post 178 of Garrett.

Memorials are to the family or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.



Mr. Hidy

Max Myers

MONROEVILLE — Max E. Myers, 70, of Monroeville died Thursday, Feb. 9, 2006, at 8:27 a.m. at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been ill for several years.

Mr. Myers was a lifelong Monroeville resident. He retired in 1996 from Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne after 41 years of service.

He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Monroeville and the Sons of the American Legion Post 420. He had been active in Little League, umpiring for many years.

He was born Feb. 11, 1935, in Monroeville. His parents, Ralph H. and Miriam (Meese) Myers, preceded him in death.

He married Shirley M. Spieth on Aug. 7, 1954, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Monroeville, and she survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Karen A. Myers of Monroeville; four sons and two daughters-in-law, Jesse L. and Brenda Myers of Auburn, Ritchie A. Myers of Burleson, Texas, Kash E. Myers of Monroeville, and Ty W. and Kim Myers of New Haven; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Phyllis Chausse of Monroeville, Harriet A. and Ed Beucler of Monroeville and Kay Y. and Jack Weddle of Nashville, Ind.; a brother, Ralph J. Myers of Monroeville; seven grandchildren, Ryan, Jacob, Tabitha, Justin, LaLinda, Amanda and Mazie; and two great-grandchildren, Drayton and Noah.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Joseph and Jed Myers; and a sister, Jean Justice.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Monroeville, with the Rev. William Smith officiating. Burial will be in the Monroeville Memorial Cemetery.

Cora Miller

AUBURN — The Rev. Lloyd Harlan will officiate at the funeral of Cora Miller Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in the Indian Village Church of God, Auburn.

An incorrect spelling of the Rev. Harlan's name was provided for an obituary in Thursday's edition.

Mrs. Miller, 77, died Wednesday at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-8 p.m. at the Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home Jacobs Chapel, Monroeville, and Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Monroeville, Monroeville EMS or Monroeville Youth Little League.

To sign the online guestbook, visit www.zwickjahn.com.

County worker loved plowing snow

FREMONT — If there was one thing Dick Simpson was, it was a worker.

In spring 2004, the 68-year-old Mr. Simpson announced he was retiring after 46 years with the Steuben County Highway Department. His co-workers threw him a going-away party, and he was officially retired.

For a couple of weeks.

As it turned out, he wasn't one who could just relax and enjoy his golden years. Before he was even retired from the county, he began working part-time for Fremont Sand and Gravel. By July 2004, he was working there full-time.

"I sat around here for a couple of weeks, and it about drove me nuts," Mr. Simpson said in a July 2004 interview for the Herald-Republican. "I can't stand not working. I've worked all my life, you know?"

Mr. Simpson, who lived in Fremont with his wife of 49 years, Betty, died Jan. 25. He was 70.

He was born in Alvordton, Ohio. As he grew older, he enjoyed his family and

grandchildren, his big truck and the farm where he spent a lot of time with his family. He had three children, Lisa, Steven and Randy; and two grandchildren.

Mr. Simpson had some health setbacks prior to his retirement. In his July 2004 interview, he recounted how he was temporarily felled by a heart attack and bleeding ulcer after Betty was stricken with a stroke and a seizure that March.

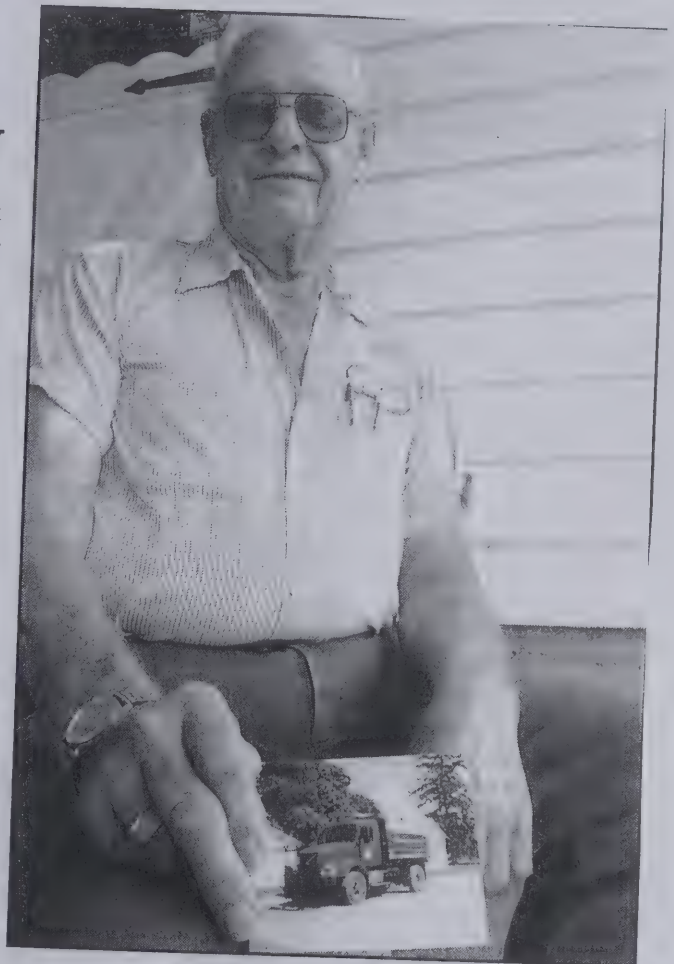
But he had gotten past all that and was happy and healthy.

"I was just upset," he said. "Everything was all stirred upside down. But I feel just as good as I ever did."

He recalled with fondness that his favorite thing about working for the county was plowing snow. He was able to do that at Fremont Sand and Gravel as well.

In 2004, Betty said she didn't see her husband slowing down any time soon.

"What I do," she said, "is just wait for him to show up."



ANDY BARRAND

Dick Simpson of Fremont worked for the Steuben County Highway Department for 46 years, retiring in 2004. Mr. Simpson died on Jan. 25. He was 70.

Norman Stump

MOUNT VERNON, Ohio
— Norman "Norm" D. Stump, 78, of Mount Vernon, Ohio, died Friday, Feb. 10, 2006, at the Country Court Nursing Home in Mount Vernon.

He retired in 1988 from the Liqui-Box Company in Worthington, Ohio. He enjoyed traveling and camping in his retirement and was an avid outdoorsman. He had a love for horses, birds and flowers. He attended the New Life Community Church in Fredericktown, Ohio, and was a devout Christian.

He was born on Jan. 15, 1928, in Auburn to Dewey and Gladys (Tague) Stump. He married Carolyn F. (Shoudel) Stump on Oct. 27, 1955. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Craig and Kerri Stump and Jeffrey and Glenda

Stump, all of Fredericktown, Eric Stump of Reynoldsburg and Kurt Stump of Reynoldsburg; two daughters and sons-in-law, Kimberly and Jim Miller of Newark and Julia and Stacy Holmes of Mount Vernon; seven grandchildren, Tyler Stump, Lauren Stump, Tammie Stephens and her husband, Todd, Bethany Stump, Timothy Stump, Zachary Blakely and Abbey Holmes; and a brother and sister-in-law, Leland and Sue Stump of Fort Wayne.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by an infant grandson, Matthew Stump.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. at the Flowers-Snyder Funeral Home in Mount Vernon with Pastor Dennis M. Turner officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Vernon Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be one hour prior to services on Wednesday.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the New Life Community Church Building Fund, 16 E. College St., Fredericktown, OH 43019.

Online condolences may be left at www.snyderfuneralhomes.com.

Lois Disler

FORT WAYNE — Lois I. Disler, 80, of Fort Wayne died Friday, Feb. 10, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Disler was born on Jasper County, Ill. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Carol Dunn of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Roy and Marcella Tracy of Auburn; a sister and brother-in-law, Evon and John Weaver of Nashville; three grandchildren and their spouses, Ronald Jr. and Teresa Dunn and Stephen Dunn, all of Fort Wayne, and Michelle and Jonathon Kistler of Jacksonville, Fla.; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John E. Disler, in 1994.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Tuesday from 6-8 p.m.

Memorials are to Calvary Lutheran Church, Angola.

Steven Gradeless

AUBURN — Steven A. Gradeless, 61, of Auburn died at 12:19 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 12, 2006, at his home.

Born Jan. 27, 1945, in Garrett, he worked as a truck driver for Schneider Trucking for 32 years, retiring in 2004. He was a U.S. Army Vietnam veteran, serving from 1964 to 1972 and earning the Bronze Star.

He was a member of Teamsters Local 135 in Fort Wayne and the Garrett post of Veterans of Foreign Wars. He enjoyed all types of trains and loved his grandchildren.

Surviving are his mother, Marie G. (Grunawalt) Brindle of Garrett; a daughter, Tonya Marie Hoeffel of Garrett; three sons, David Scott Gradeless of Pendleton, Steven Allen Gradeless Jr. of Garrett and Thomas Earl Gradeless of Fremont; six grandchildren; a sister, Sandra Guinn of Auburn; four stepsisters, Nancy Moore of Newville, Sharron Plummer of Auburn, Martha Geyer of Spencerville and Dawn Bartles of Garrett; and four stepbrothers, Charles Carnahan of St. Joe, Joe Rugman of Auburn, Ralph Rugman of Waterloo and Bruce Rugman of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his father, Earl G. Gradeless; and a brother, Thomas Gradeless.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Pastor Jeffrey Horn officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Wednesday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Thomas Funeral Home to help with funeral expenses.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

David Royer

FORT WAYNE — David Jon Royer, 34, of Fort Wayne, died Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006, in DeKalb County.

He was a steam fitter for 16 years with Local 166, working for Shambaugh & Son.

He was born March 10, 1971, in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Royer was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church and an avid fan of NASCAR. He enjoyed four-wheeling, golf, helping people in need and playing with his children.

Surviving are his wife, Lisa Marie Royer of Fort Wayne; three sons, Trevor Lee, Zacharie David and Alexander Eugene; his mother and stepfather, Linda J. and Andrew Sweet Blanz of Avilla; his father, Fred Royer of Decatur; one brother, Gregg; three sisters, Jamie, Stephanie and Jenny; three stepsisters, Sue Koop, Jody and Diane; and one stepbrother, Derek; and nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his grandparents, Eugene and Betty Royer and Gordon and Dorothy Sweet; and a brother, Marc Royer.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, 1819 Reservation Drive, Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Prairie Grove Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from noon to 8 p.m. Friday at the Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to his family.

Marc Royer

AUBURN — Marc R. Royer, 37, of Auburn, died Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006, in DeKalb County.

Mr. Royer was a steam fitter with Local 166 and worked at Wagner-Meinert Inc.

He was born Nov. 15, 1968, in Fort Wayne. He graduated from Elmhurst High School and graduated magna cum laude from Ivy Tech, where he received a degree in applied science in the building trades of plumber and pipe fitter.

Surviving are his wife, DeAnna Royer of Auburn; three daughters, Amber Marie, Andrea Elise and Abigail Lynn; his mother and stepfather, Linda J. and Andrew Sweet Blanz of Avilla; his father, Fred Royer of Decatur; one brother, Gregg; three sisters, Jamie, Stephanie and Jenny; three stepsisters, Sue Koop, Jody and Diane; and one stepbrother, Derek.

Preceding him in death were his grandparents, Eugene and Betty Royer and Gordon and Dorothy Sweet; and a brother, David Jon Royer.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, 1819 Reservation Drive, Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Prairie Grove Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Friday from noon to 8 p.m. at the Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to his children.

Raymond Pease

HUDSON — Raymond C. Pease, 52, of Hudson, died Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Pease worked in maintenance at General Electric in Fort Wayne for four years. He was a member of the Ashley-Hudson United Methodist Church.

He was born July 3, 1953, in Fort Wayne to Dallas and Rita (Osbourne) Pease. His father preceded him in death, and his mother survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer Pease and Jamie Bertsch of Hudson; a son, Jonathan Pease of Ashley; a granddaughter, Samantha Bertsch of Hudson; two brothers, William Pease of New Haven and Jim Pease of Illinois; and his former wife, Deborah Pease.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Mark and Steven Pease.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Pastor Becky Brault officiating.

Calling will be Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family in care of Thomas Funeral Home.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

Grace Stezowski

DOWAGIAC, Mich. — Grace E. Stezowski, 87, of Dowagiac and formerly of South Haven, Mich., died Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2006, at her home.

She was born Dec. 28, 1918, in Garrett to Berti and Naomi (Ferry) Burns.

She graduated from high school in Garrett and then attended college at Western Michigan University.

She married Alfred Stezowski on May 22, 1951, in South Haven at St. Basil's Catholic Church.

An outdoors person, she enjoyed flower gardening and loved to swim and hike. She also loved knitting, crocheting and painting. She loved art work.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, who died in 1972; a sister, Daphene Onofrio; and a brother-in-law, Julio Onofrio.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Alfred and Jean Stezowski of Coloma, Mich., David and Jeanne Stezowski of South Haven, Mich., and Michael Stezowski of Orland; five daughters and a son-in-law, Teresa Stezowski of Hudson, Betty Stezowski of Dowagiac, Mich., Carol Stezowski and Cindy Stezowski, both of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Garland and Jay Simpson of San Francisco, Calif.; 12 grandchildren and their spouses, Bobby and Tammy Ingram, Brian and Evette Stezowski, Eric and Karen Stezowski, Sara Stezowski, Betty and Jason Buonomo, Mike Stezowski Jr., Kimberly Jewell, Thomas Stezowski, Nicole Greer, Jackie Jewell, Matthew Stezowski and Angie Lick; nine great-

grandchildren, Jamie, Nicole, Bobbie Jean, Brittany, Justin, Makenna, Tyler, Brandon and Brook; one great-great-grandchild, Tori McKinney; a goddaughter, Juletta Dunn of Pana, Ill., and several special nieces and nephews.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in St. Basil's Catholic Church with Rev. Father John Young officiating. Burial will be at Monks Cemetery in Geneva Township.

Calling will be Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Filbrandt Family Funeral Home, 1076 S. Bailey Ave., South Haven, Mich., with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m..

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association, 648 Monroe Ave. NW, Suite 004, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 or Hospice at Home, 4025 Health Park Lane, St. Joseph, MI 49085.

Friends may sign the register online, leave a message for the family or share a short story about Mrs. Stezowski at www.FilbrandtFFH.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is being rerun with additional information.

David Jon Royer

FORT WAYNE — David Jon Royer, 34, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006, in DeKalb County.

Mr. Royer was a steam fitter for 13 years with Local 166, working for Shambaugh & Son.



Mr. Royer

He was born March 10, 1971, in Fort Wayne. He was a member of Mount Calvary Lutheran Church and an avid fan of NASCAR. He enjoyed four-wheeling, golf, helping people in need and playing with his children.

Surviving are his wife, Lisa Marie Royer of Fort Wayne; three sons, Trevor Lee, Zacharie David and Alexander Eugene; his mother and stepfather, Linda J. Sweet Blanzly and Andrew Blanzly of Avilla; his father, Fred Royer of Decatur; a brother, Gregg; three sisters, Jamie, Stephanie and Jenny; two stepsisters, Jody and Diane; a stepbrother, Derek; and nieces, nephews and many friends.

Preceding him in death were his grandparents, Eugene and Betty Royer and Gordon and Dorothy Sweet. A brother, Marc Royer, died at the same time as Mr. Royer.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, 1819 Reservation Drive, Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Prairie Grove Cemetery of Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Friday from noon-8 p.m. at the Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the David Jon Royer Family Fund.

Lois Bennett

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. — Lois B. Bennett, 90, of Battle Creek died Saturday, Feb. 11, 2006, at Battle Creek Health System.

She was born Dec. 22, 1915, in Putman County, Ohio, to Jesse and Mabel (Konst) Bonecutter.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lewis Bennett, on Feb. 3, 1993.

Mrs. Bennett was a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 565 and was also a member of Disabled American Veterans 7, Military Order of the Purple Heart 110, American Legion Post 54, Fraternal Order of Police and the VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids, Mich.

She and her husband, Lew, owned and operated the L & L Grocery on Champion Street for many years and made many dear and special friends. She retired from Leila Hospital and spent her time volunteering in the area to help other people. She touched many lives in the area and is remembered as "Grandma" by many people.

Surviving are a daughter, Katherine Greco of Mesa, Ariz.; a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Joyce Bennett of Hueytown, Ala.; eight grandchildren; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Mareta and Paul Mutzfeld of Butler, Jessta Trethric of Hudson, Fla., Annabelle and Willis Bible of Edgerton, Ohio; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Clarence and Joan Bonecutter of Butler and Maurice and Dorothy Bonecutter of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by a son, Richard Bennett; and a brother, Paul Bonecutter.

Services were Wednesday at Royal Funeral Home in Battle Creek, with interment at Floral Lawn Memorial Gardens.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is being rerun with additional information.

Marc Royer

AUBURN — Marc R. Royer, 37, of Auburn died Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006, in DeKalb County.

Mr. Royer was a steam fitter with Local 166, working for Wagner-Meinert Inc.

He was born Nov. 15, 1968, in Fort Wayne. He



Mr. Royer

graduated from Elmhurst High School and graduated magna cum laude from Ivy Tech, where he earned an associate's degree in applied science in building trade apprenticeship as a plumber and pipe fitter. He was a member of Phi Theta Kappa.

Surviving are his wife, DeAnna Royer of Auburn; three daughters, Amber Marie, Andrea Elise and Abigail Lynn; his mother and stepfather, Linda J. Sweet Blanzly and Andrew Blanzly of Avilla; his father, Fred Royer of Decatur; one brother, Gregg; three sisters, Jamie, Stephanie and Jenny; three stepsisters, Sue Koop, Jody and Diane; and one stepbrother, Derek.

Preceding him in death were his grandparents, Eugene and Betty Royer and Gordon and Dorothy Sweet. A brother, David Jon Royer, died at the same time as Mr. Royer.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, 1819

Reservation Drive Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Prairie Grove Cemetery of Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Friday from noon-8 p.m. at the Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to his children.

Glenda Shank

FORT WAYNE — Glenda J. (Days) Shank, 68, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2006, at her home.

She worked at Magnavox, now known as Raytheon, in Fort Wayne for 37 years, retiring in 2000.

She was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto and was a former member of the Fort Wayne Eagles.

Born Oct. 5, 1937, in Ashley, she was the daughter of Earl T. and Zidania N. (Days) Brindle. Her parents preceded her in death.

Surviving are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Zidania and Terry Geiger of Avilla, Renee Cottier of Fort Wayne, Wendy and Jerry Dyer of Fort Wayne and Andrea Shank of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren, Angie Moriarity and her husband, Jerry, Jake Ryan Dyer, Justin Lee Shank, Morgan Ray Shank, Jaime Lee Cottier; Brooke Marie Dyer, Christopher Michael Dyer and Hannah Renner; three great-grandchildren, Cobin Moriarity, Alec Dyer and Bailey Dyer; and her dog of 12 years, Candi.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Denise Joan Garver.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Emmanuel Lutheran Church of LaOtto, with Pastor Sue Socha officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery of Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to ALS or Parkview Hospice.



Mrs. Shank

Mildred Brindle

AUBURN — Mildred I. Brindle, 86, formerly of Peru, Ind., died Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2006, at 7:35 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn, where she had been a resident.

Mrs. Brindle was a homemaker and a member of the First Christian Church of Peru.

She was born June 4, 1919, in Knox to Ralph and Bessie (Laffin) Martin. They preceded her in death.

She married Virgil L. Brindle in 1936. He died Jan. 22, 1983.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jerry Lee and Ann Brindle of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Nancy Kay and Bob Williamson of Amboy; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Kathy Groshon; and a son, Michael Brindle.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru. The Rev. George McCarty will officiate. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery of Peru.

Calling will be Friday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Christian Church.

Robert Kruse

FORT WAYNE — Robert E. "Bob" Kruse, 36, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2006, at his home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Kruse worked at B.F. Goodrich in Woodburn. He was a member of St. John's United Church of Christ in Ashley.

He was born March 10, 1969, in Fort Wayne to Richard and Elizabeth (Harris) Kruse.

His father survives in Fort Wayne, and his mother preceded him in death.

He married Diana Palubicki on June 10, 2000. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Kaitlyn Kruse, and her mother, Tracey Fleckenstein of Angola; two daughters and one son at home, Jordan, Meghan and Derek Kruse; a sister and brother-in-law, Robyn and Neil Farmer; a niece, Rachel Farmer of Fort Wayne; a grandmother, Miriam Harris of Michigan; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Robert and Linda Palubicki of Auburn; and two sisters-in-law, Renee Palubicki of New Haven and Wendy Palubicki of Hudson.

Services will be Saturday at 7 p.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Pastor John Kabes will officiate.

Calling will be Saturday from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Timothy Cook

HAMILTON — Timothy Michael "Tim" Cook, 56, of Hamilton died Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Cook was a supervisor at Eaton Corp. in Auburn. He had been employed by Eaton and its predecessor, Dana Corp., for 36 years and seven months.

He was a member of Zion 16 Lutheran Church in rural Corunna. He attended Cedar Lake Church of Christ of Waterloo. He was a volunteer for the Indiana Organ Procurement Organization and a past soccer coach for Hamilton Community Schools. He loved his family and friends and was a very hard worker.

He was born May 5, 1949, in Kendallville. His father, Reginald Cook, preceded him in death. His mother, Helen (Mason) Cook, survives in Auburn.

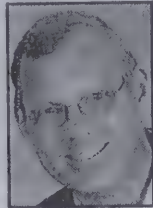
He married Rebecca "Becky" Grill on Aug. 7, 1971, in Cedar Lake Church of Christ of Waterloo. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Paul Christopher Cook of Avilla and William Forrest Cook and his fiancée, Shacina Hersey, of Salisbury, Mass.; and a sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Bob Shuherk of Corunna.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Saturday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Clarian Transplant Emergency Fund, 550 N. University Blvd., Room 4601, Indianapolis, IN 46202, or to Zion 16 Lutheran Church of Corunna or Cedar Lake Church of Christ of Waterloo.



Mr. Cook

David Karr

ANGOLA — David L. Karr, 66, of Angola died Sunday, Feb. 12, 2006, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Karr was born Aug. 17, 1939, in Garrett to Ray Manfred and Rosella (Mowry) Karr. He had worked for the Indiana State Highway Department, retiring in 2003. He was a member of The Chapel and was an avid Indiana University and Chicago White Sox fan.

Surviving are two sisters, Judith Ann Vochatzer of Sun Lake, Ariz., and Linda Sue Brocker of Apple Valley, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Jim Minear officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Calling will be Saturday from noon until the time of the service.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Society or the Arthritis Association, 11119 Parkview Plaza, Fort Wayne, IN 46845.

Elizabeth Schooley

Elizabeth Louise "Betty" Schooley, 82, of Auburn died Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2006, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Tipton, she was a library cataloguer with Allen County Public Library and Saint Francis College for 37 years, retiring in 1990.

She graduated from Auburn High School in 1941 and received her bachelor's degree from Indiana University in 1945. She taught Latin and English for tri-state area schools and went on to earn her master's degree in library science from Saint Francis.

She was involved with Tri Kappa Sorority, Great Books Organization and religious education. She loved reading, traveling and singing in the choir at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, where she was a member.

Surviving are two brothers, James Schooley of Middletown, Md., and David Schooley of Hayerstown, Md.; two sisters, Mary Beers of Greensboro, N.C., and Jane Foley of Auburn; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Francis M. Hughes and Anne B. Duff; and two brothers, Robert Schooley and William T. Schooley.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with Father David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 6 to 8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, where a rosary service will begin at 8 p.m. Sunday.

Memorials are to Masses at the church.

Betty Jones

GARRETT — Betty J. Jones, 89, of Garrett, died Thursday, Feb. 16, 2006, at 1:20 a.m. at

Miller's Merry Manor nursing home of Garrett.

Mrs. Jones had been a Garrett

resident since 1948. She was a homemaker

and also worked at General Electric, McCray, Creek Chub Bait Co. and Garrett High School.



Mrs. Jones

She enjoyed knitting, making cracker jack and spending time with her family and friends.

She was born April 2, 1916, in Ashley, to Claude and Letha Yergin Boszor. They preceded her in death.

She married Donald N. Jones on March 13, 1948, in Kendallville. He died April 30, 1964.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Linda and Don Johnson of Ottawa, Ill., Donna Knott of Garrett and Mary Jane and Mike Nodine of Garrett; her grandchildren, Jenny Ahearn and her husband, Terry, of Ottawa, Todd Nodine and Misty Trail of Garrett, Adam Knott and his wife, Miranda, of Fort Wayne and Jessica Johnson of Ottawa, Ill.; five great-grandchildren, Bryce Nodine of Garrett, Jacob and Matthew Ahearn of Ottawa,

Ill., and Kylie and Abram Knott of Fort Wayne; two sisters-in-law, Helen Campbell of Indianapolis and Georgia Basolo and her husband, Bud, of Tracy, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Paul "Pete" Boszor, a sister, Helen Phillips, and a great-grandson, Preston Nodine.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in the Garrett United Methodist Church with Dr. Scott Moss officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and Monday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Garrett United Methodist Church or the Miller's Merry Manor activities department.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

Agnes Welly

AUBURN — Agnes Welly, 90, died Thursday, Feb. 16, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Born in Waterloo, she was a self-employed beautician from 1975 to 2005. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Marlene Record of Auburn; two grandchildren, Eric Record of Fort Wayne and Erin Clemons of Cumming, Ga.; and four great-grandchildren, Dyan and Ronald Record, both of Fort Wayne, and Emmy and Paige Clemons, both of Cumming, Ga.

She was preceded in death by her parents, six sisters and four brothers.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn.

Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery at Edgerton, Ohio, with a graveside service Tuesday at 1 p.m.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with a vigil at 8:30 p.m. Additional calling will be Tuesday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Masses at the church.

Former mayor remembered fondly

Family treasured Donald Sell as a fun-loving brother and uncle

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND

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ANGOLA — At the Feb. 6 meeting of the Angola Common Council, Mayor Pro Tem Ed Nagle asked for a moment of silence to remember Donald R. Sell, who was the city's mayor from 1964-66.

Since he died on Dec. 29, his family has not only been remembering Mr. Sell as a former mayor, but also as a businessman, a protective older brother and a fun-loving uncle.

"Uncle Don was my favorite uncle growing up," Mr. Sell's nephew, Drew Hosey, said warmly. "We had a great time when we came to see him at the lake. He was a lot of fun to be around."

Drew's mother, Mary Lee, was Mr. Sell's younger sister.

"We're five-and-a-half years apart, so we didn't really

do a lot of the same things," she said. "But I remember that being around him was kind of ... electric. He was always active and doing something. He was never quiet."

Mr. Sell and Mary Lee both graduated from Angola High School. Mr. Sell went into the Air Force right after high school.

"I remember when he came home on leave for the first time, he said, 'Young lady, you're going to have to learn how to handle a gun.' And he taught me. He just thought that was something everyone should know how to do."

Mr. Sell lived most of his life in Steuben County lake country, but was living in Fort Myers, Fla., when he died. Drew said he himself was raised in Plymouth, Mich., and was "a city kid," but got a quick initiation from Uncle Don and Uncle Don's kids

when he came to visit.

"My cousin Tommy grabbed me by the ankles and chucked me into the lake," Drew said.

For many years, Mr. Sell owned Don's Bootery, a shoe store on Angola's Public Square.

"People still say, 'I bought all my shoes there' or 'I bought all my kids' shoes there,'" Mary Lee said.

Drew also remembers his uncle's shoe store well.

"I remember going to the bootery and learning to tie my shoes," he said.

Mr. Sell was 35 when he was Angola's mayor — the youngest in the town's history.



Mr. Sell

"He loved being the mayor," Mary Lee said. "I remember something about Fire Engine No. 5 — that he got that for Angola."

Drew said something positive that has come about as a result of his uncle's death is a reconnection with his cousins.

"It's gotten me reacquainted with my cousin Tommy (Mr. Sell's son)," he said. "We hadn't really talked in a while."

Drew said Mary Lee would like to have Mr. Sell memorialized in the city somehow.

"Mom really wants to get a street named after him, like they've done for some of the other mayors," he said.

Mr. Sell is also survived by his wife, Ann, whom he married in 1975; two other sons, Christopher and Patrick; a daughter, Deborah; and three grandchildren.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY IS

being republished with additional information that was not provided for Saturday's edition.

Agnes Welly

AUBURN — Agnes Welly, 90, died Thursday, Feb. 16, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

She was a self-employed beautician from 1975 to 2005

and was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

She was born July 6, 1915, in Waterloo to Adam and Emma (Noirot) Royal. They preceded her in death.

She married Truman Welly on July 1, 1939, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Edgerton, Ohio. He died Nov. 20, 1970.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Marlene and Lincoln Record of Auburn; two grandchildren and their spouses, Eric and Babette Record of Fort Wayne and Erin and Charles Clemons of Cumming, Ga.; and four great-grandchildren, Dyan and Ronald Record, both of Fort Wayne, and Emmy and Paige Clemons, both of Cumming, Ga.

She was preceded in death by five sisters and four brothers.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn.

Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery at Edgerton, Ohio, with a graveside service Tuesday at 1 p.m.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with a vigil at 8:30 p.m. Additional calling will be Tuesday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Masses at the church.

Margaret Marti

GARRETT — Margaret E. Marti, 74, of Garrett died Saturday, Feb. 18, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Before retiring in 1992, Mrs. Marti worked at Dana Corp. in Churubusco for 20 years. She was a member of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene and a past member of the Kendallville Eagles Auxiliary and Auburn Moose Auxiliary.

She was born Feb. 21, 1931, in Auburn to Marley and Ruth (Goe) Croy.

She married Donald E. Marti in February 1950 in

Kendallville. He died April 15, 1966.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Rick and Sandy Marti and Ronald Marti, all of Garrett, and Randy and Dee Marti of Waterloo; a brother, Phillip Croy of Garrett; a sister, Shirley Patton of Auburn; and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Donald Marti; a brother, Mark Croy; and three sisters, Martha Vogtman, Joanna Mayse and Phyllis Freeman.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Auburn Church of the Nazarene. Pastor Dan White will officiate. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery of Kendallville.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, and Tuesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Auburn Church of the Nazarene.

Geraldine Pabst

FORT WAYNE —

Geraldine M. Pabst, 80, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, Feb. 16, 2006, at University Park Nursing Center in Fort Wayne.

Miss Pabst was a caregiver working in the medical field for 35 years. She volunteered for the

American Red Cross and Focus on Health. She attended St. Joseph United Methodist Church,

where she was a member of the choir and a carebear.

She was a Western square dancer for 14 years, giving exhibitions at the Three Rivers Festival, DeKalb County Fair and many other festivals.

She was born May 21, 1925, in East Gilead Township, Branch County, Mich., to Lewis and Bernadette (Huguenaud) Pabst. They preceded her in death.

Miss Pabst is survived by a sister, Normagene Eckman of Columbus.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Willard Pabst.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Beams Funeral Home of Fremont. Linda Martin will officiate. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery of Fremont.

Calling will be Monday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Joseph United Methodist Church, 6004 Reed Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46835.



Miss Pabst

Richard Baker

FREMONT — Richard L. Baker, 73, of Fremont died Sunday, Feb. 19, 2006, at Blake Memorial Hospital in Bradenton, Fla.

Mr. Baker was born Feb. 23, 1932, in Fremont. He was first married to Gerallee Falka on March 11, 1955, and she preceded him in death on Oct. 10, 2002. On Dec. 28, 2004, he married Janet Hadley in Fremont, and she survives.

He was retired from Fremont Community Schools, where he was an elementary school teacher. He established Baker's Acres Farm Market in Fremont and owned the business from 1968 until 1986.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Sharon Fitzcharles

EDGERTON, Ohio — Sharon K. "Cookie" Fitzcharles, 63, of Edgerton died at 10:37 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 18, 2006, shortly after she was admitted to Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers in Bryan, Ohio.

Mrs. Fitzcharles was a homemaker and an avid doll collector. She had been employed at Lectron in Hamilton, the former Universal Tool in Butler and Plastec in Edon, Ohio, and had operated Doc's Place Pizza in Hamilton.

She was born April 5, 1942, in St. Joe to James and Jessie (Roberts) Harris.

She married Vaughn L. Fitzcharles on March 1, 1979, in Coburn Corners, near St. Joe, and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Mike and Chrissy Gettys of Edgerton and Robert and Kimberly Gettys of Spencerville; two stepsons and their wives, Craig and Terry Fitzcharles of Newville and Mark and Pat Fitzcharles of Butler; a stepdaughter and her husband, Tammy and Mark Hohler of Edgerton; her mother, Jessie Haifley of Angola; a sister, Anne Merritt of Waterloo; and two brothers, Dan Haifley and Jerry Haifley, both of Angola.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Larry Dean "Large" Gettys and Tom DeWayne Gettys; her father; and two brothers, James and Michael Harris.

Services will be Friday at 7 p.m. in Krill Funeral Home at Edgerton.

Calling will be Friday from 1-3 and 5-7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent and an online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

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He was retired from Fremont Community Schools, where he was an elementary school teacher. He established Baker's Acres Farm Market in Fremont and owned the business from 1968 until 1986.

He was a 1950 graduate of Fremont High School and a U.S. Army veteran. He graduated from St. Francis College with a Bachelor of Science degree in education and was a member of Fremont United Methodist Church. He was a member of the Fremont Community Schools Board of Education from 1994 to 2002.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Christopher R. and Lisa Baker of Fremont, Paul E. and Crystal Baker of Howe and Andrew L. and Cathy Baker of Waterloo; a daughter and son-in-law, Pamela K. and W. Tracy Howe of Cary, N.C.; three stepsons and two stepdaughters-in-law, Doug and Teresa Close of Indianapolis, Jonathan and Paula Close of Libertyville, Ill., and Eric Close of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; and four stepgrandchildren.



Mr. Baker

He was also preceded in death by his parents; a son, David Baker; and a sister, Florence Hammet.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Fremont United Methodist Church, Fremont, with the Rev. Keith Olsen officiating. Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Memorials are to Fremont Community Schools.

Chris Boggs

WATERLOO — Chris J. Boggs, 49, of Waterloo died Monday, Feb. 20, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Boggs was retired.

He was born Aug. 11, 1956, in Auburn to Charles E. and Aurelia J. (Johnson) Boggs. His father preceded him in death, and his mother survives

in Waterloo.

Also surviving are a brother, Charles A. Boggs of Waterloo; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Catherine A. Boggs and Oscar Johnson of Indianapolis, Carole J. Boggs and Merlin Baird of Story Lake and Caye L. and Scott Lutz of Monticello; two nephews, Robert Hardy Jr. and Richard Hardy; three nieces, Crissi Griggs and her husband, Billy, Amber Graham and Angie Skelly; and four great-nephews, Nick, Seth, Lucas and Noah Griggs.

There will be no service.

Calling will be Thursday from 4-7 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Matthew 25 Clinic, 413 E. Jefferson Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46802.

David Weber

KENDALLVILLE — David William Weber, 66, of Kendallville died at 1:17 a.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2006, in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mr. Weber was a lifetime area resident.

He had retired after more than 30 years as production manager at Eaton in Kendallville.

Mr. Weber loved spending time with his children and grandchildren. He also enjoyed woodworking and working on small engines.

He was born March 15, 1939, in Kendallville to Archie and Florence (Hovarter) Weber. He married Lorraine A. Post on June 9, 1963, in Kendallville. She died Sept. 12, 2004. He then married Vicky Ross on Feb. 27, 2005, in Hawaii. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Valaine Ann and Jaime Vasquez of Avilla; three sons and daughters-in-law, Christopher C. and Suzanne Weber of Kendallville, Gregory P. and Donna Weber of Wolcottville and Grant N. and Christina Weber of Auburn; a stepdaughter and her husband, Laurie and Chad Reeve of Nappanee; a stepson, Brent Schlotterback of St. Louis, Mo.; a brother, Ed Weber of Kendallville; eight grandchildren, Michael Weber, Christopher Weber, Kaitlyn Weber, Meghan Weber, Sara Weber, Hunter Weber, Jessica Vasquez and Rachel Weber; and two stepgrandchildren, Caleb Reeve and Whitnie Reeve.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, John Weber.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with the Rev. Mark Metz of Faith United Methodist Church and the Rev. Mark Woods of Burr Oak Baptist Church officiating.



Mr. Weber

Terry Buckmaster

WATERLOO — Terry L. Buckmaster, 50, of Waterloo died Monday, Feb. 20, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Born in Mill Creek, Mr.

Buckmaster was a bricklayer.

He graduated from high school in 1973 in the top 10 of his graduating class.

Surviving are his health care representative, Karen Waldron of Logansport, and many friends.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

A graveside service will begin at 2 p.m. Friday at Westlawn Cemetery in North Liberty.

Calling will be Friday from 9-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.



Mr. Buckmaster

Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Christopher Weber, Gregory Weber, Grant Weber and Jaime Vasquez.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Kendallville Fire Department First Responders or Parkview Noble Home Health and Hospice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.berhalter-hutchinsfuneralhome.com.

Sarah Sutton

AKRON, Ind. — Sarah Jane Sutton, 83, formerly of Akron, Ind., died Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2006, at 9:25 a.m. in Peabody Retirement Community at North Manchester.

Mrs. Sutton was a homemaker and was retired from Torx Products in Rochester.

She graduated from Gilead High School in 1939 as valedictorian of her class and received her accounting degree from Ivy Tech in Kokomo.

She served as the Akron town clerk from 1983 to 1989. She was a member of the Silver Creek Church of God and was a past treasurer of the Indiana Conference of the Church of God. She also was a member of the Friends of the Akron Public Library.

She was born Feb. 24, 1922, in Miami County to Walter Conner and Lulubelle Morris.

She married Robert Sutton on June 11, 1945, at Galesburg, Ill. He died Nov. 19, 1979.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Darcy and Paul Bell of Auburn and Jennifer and Mike Ruprecht of Fort Wayne; a son and

daughter-in-law, Stephen L. and Vicki Sutton of Claypool; nine grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; a sister and brother-in-law, Betty Lou and George Dawald of Roann; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Morris Conner and Wayne Morris.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Silver Creek Church of God at Silver Lake. Pastor Thomas Craig and Pastor Lawrence See will officiate. Burial will be in Chili Cemetery at Chili.

Calling will be Friday from 4-8 p.m. at Hartzler Funeral Home in Akron.

Memorials are to Peabody Retirement Community in North Manchester.

Doris Evertts

HAMILTON — Doris M. Evertts, 97, of Hamilton died Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2006, at the home of her granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Joyce and Scott Fleming.

Mrs. Evertts loved music. She played the organ for the silent movies at the



Mrs. Evertts

Waterloo theater. She gave piano and organ lessons for more than 40 years and played the piano and organ for many years for the Hamilton United Methodist Church. She was a member of the Hamilton United Methodist Church and the Hamilton Bridge Club.

She traveled extensively throughout the United States with her husband and enjoyed cooking.

She was born June 19, 1908, in Waterloo to Ford K. and Maude M. (Smith) McIntosh. She was a graduate of Waterloo High School.

She married Gerald Bruce Evertts on Feb. 12, 1927, in Waterloo. He preceded her in death in August 1982.

Surviving are a daughter-in-law, Bettie Evertts of Hamilton; a son-in-law, Richard Hatfield of LaCanada, Calif.; five grandchildren and their spouses, Gerald Bruce and Sheri Evertts of Metz, Joyce and Scott Fleming of Hamilton, Thomas and Danielle Evertts of Hamilton, Lisa Hatfield of Ladera Ranch, Calif., and Craig and Krisztina Hatfield of Aliso Viejo, Calif.; nine great-grandchildren, Carly and Emily Muzzy, Josh Evertts and his wife, Dorothy, T.J. Evertts and his wife, Stephanie, Adam Evertts and his wife, Tina, Andrew Evertts, Robert O'Keefe, Kathleen O'Keefe and Kylie Hatfield; four great-grand-grandchildren; and a brother, Wilmer McIntosh of Madison Heights, Mich.

She was preceded in death by a son, Gerald "Jack" Evertts; a daughter, Corinne Hatfield; her parents; and five brothers, Arling, Bradford, Ned, Richard and Ronald McIntosh.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Hamilton United Methodist Church, with Pastor Eric Stoops officiating. Burial will be in the Eddy Cemetery of Hamilton.

Calling will be Friday from 3-7 p.m. at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, and Saturday after 10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Hamilton United Methodist Women, the Steuben County Cancer Society and the Emphysema Society.

Condolences may be sent online at hejohnsonfh.com.

Anthony 'Pete' Paxton

BRYAN, Ohio — Anthony W. "Pete" Paxton, 60, of Bryan died Sunday, Feb. 19, 2006, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Prescott, Ariz., where he had been a patient for several days.

Mr. Paxton worked at Bohn Aluminum in Butler for 10 years before retiring in 2003. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving during the Vietnam War. He was a member of the Gold Prospectors Association of America and was an avid hunter, fisherman, artist and woodworker.

He was born Feb. 15, 1946, in Bryan to Leland Lavon Paxton and Georgia Lenora (Woerst) Paxton.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Dawn and Terry Scaff of Bryan and Angela and Steve Funk of Toledo, Ohio; a son, Tim Paxton, and his fiancé, Heather Gamble, of Edgerton, Ohio; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Jerald Lee Smith of California and Johnny Keith Stewart of Sylvania, Ohio; and one sister.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Leland Lavon "Joe" Paxton Jr., and his parents.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Krill Funeral Home, 869 W. Mulberry St., Bryan, with the Rev. Ronald McClure officiating. Burial will be in Fountain Grove Cemetery of Bryan with graveside military rites by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2484 of Bryan.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are the Veterans Administration Medical Center-Hospice Care in Prescott, Ariz.

Condolences may be sent and an online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Raymond Davis

BUTLER — Raymond J. Davis, 81, of Butler died Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2006, at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Davis retired from General Telephone of Indiana with 25 years of service and was the owner of D&A Auto Court in Butler.



Mr. Davis

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was assigned to the USS Texas as a First Class Signalman. He was a member of Butler American Legion Post 202.

He was born May 26, 1924, in Fort Wayne, to Floyd and Edna (Bratton) Davis.

He married Iva Shepherd on Jan. 24, 1947, in Angola, and she survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Patricia Davis of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Louis Davis of Angola, Richard Davis of Biloxi, Miss., and Herman Davis of Rockville, Md.; and a sister, Retha Fry of LaGrange.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery with military services.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online at hejohnsonfh.com.

Robert Carteaux

AVILLA — Robert William "Bob" Carteaux, 80, of Avilla died Thursday, Feb. 23, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

For over 20 years, Mr. Carteaux proudly served as the Noble County Veterans Service

Officer and continued in that position until the time of his death. During World War II, he had served in the U.S. Air Force and received the Bronze Star five times.



Mr. Carteaux

A lifelong resident of

Avilla, he was formerly employed by Navistar, International Harvester. He retired Nov. 30, 1983. After retirement, he served for more than 10 years as the St. Mary's Catholic Church parish custodian.

For over 50 years, Mr. Carteaux was a very active and proud member of Avilla American Legion Post No. 240, where he served as commander several times and was responsible for many of the Legion's projects. He was a member of the 40&8 organization, a member of the Knights of Columbus and the past district director of the State Legion.

He enjoyed going to different Legion posts, fishing and gardening.

Mr. Carteaux was born

Nov. 10, 1925, at the family farm in Avilla to William and Alice C. (Schmenk) Carteaux. He married Velma Fischer on Aug. 25, 1951, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, William and Sherri Carteaux of Arlington, Va.; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Diane and Dale Wilson of Auburn and Deb Raffel and Darlene and Todd Strock, all of Goshen; 11 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two brothers, Russell J. Carteaux of Avilla and Thomas A. Carteaux of Auburn; and a sister, Lavon V. Jansen of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Beverly J. Floyd, Teresa A.

Kebart and Barbara Carteaux; and a brother, Larry J. Carteaux.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. Rev. Daniel Durkin will officiate. Burial will be in Saint Mary's Catholic Church Cemetery, with military graveside services by Avilla American Legion Post No. 240.

Calling will be from 1-4 and 5-8 p.m. Sunday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m. Additional calling will be one hour prior to services Monday at the church.

Memorials are to Avilla American Legion Post No. 240 Scholarship Fund and to Masses.

Sparkman devoted life to public safety

BY BILL GISEL

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KENDALLVILLE — With all that he did for his family and his community, Lee Sparkman Sr. remained a very humble man.

Friends remembering Mr. Sparkman, who died on Valentine's Day, share memories about his dedication to whatever it was that he was doing, and his devotion to his family.

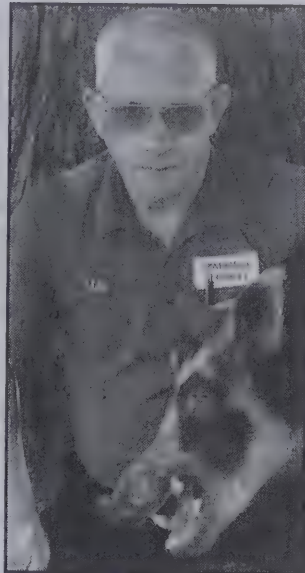
Mr. Sparkman, 73, was a native of Kentucky, and with his late wife, Zella, raised six sons. He came to Kendallville in 1950 and completed 43 years of work at Newnam Foundry.

Many learned to know Mr. Sparkman as a part-time police officer. He worked in Avilla, Rome City and Kendallville and was active in the Civil Defense.

In 1974, he was one of the first emergency medical technicians who took over April 1 of that year providing emergency medical service to county residents. Up to that time, the service was provided by area funeral homes.

"He was so dedicated to his community and to his family," said Jim Dazey of Kendallville. In recent years, following the death of Sparkman's wife in 1999, Dazey said, "I had coffee with him every Sunday morning at the Breakfast House. He was an honest man."

Mr. Sparkman also started a security business and was a justice of the peace for Wayne Township. He ran for sheriff on the Republican ticket in 1974 but was defeated by Democrat John W. Stoner.



Lee Sparkman Sr. was proud of his trophy wild boar, shot on a hunting trip to Tennessee in the late 1980s. In addition to hunting, Mr. Sparkman was knowledgeable about all kinds of handguns. During his career he was a police officer and a candidate for Noble County Sheriff, an emergency medical technician and owner of a security company.

Four days after the Emergency Medical Service began in 1974, tornados ripped across Noble County, from Ligonier to South Milford and Stroh in LaGrange County.

Hearing of the disaster, Mr. Sparkman and his teenage son, Lee Jr., headed for A-1 Production on Leighty Road north of Kendallville, which had been leveled by the

twister with 16 employees at work at their machines. According to news reports that followed, Mr. Sparkman and his son had to walk three-fourths of a mile across a muddy field to reach the factory, carrying medical supplies and oxygen with them.

Lee Jr. would follow in his father's footsteps to later join the emergency medical service. His career was cut short by a fatal traffic accident, however. Another son, James Vernon, also preceded Mr. Sparkman in death.

Mitch Fiandt, the Noble County 911 director, considered Mr. Sparkman his mentor.

"I knew him for all of the 35 years or better I have been involved in public safety," Fiandt said. "I was in high school living in Rome City when he was a part-time police officer there."

"He was one of the fairest people I have ever known, and no matter if it was in law enforcement or emergency medical services, he was a teacher," he said.

Fiandt said a lot of the training EMTs received starting in 1974 came from doctors, and Mr. Sparkman had the ability to bring complicated subjects "down to every man's level — to explain it in layman's terms," he said.

"He taught a lot of people — a lot who are good because of his learning philosophy," he continued. "His son, Lee Jr., was one of the best paramedics I have ever known, and he learned from his dad."

Before retiring from the EMS in 2000, Mr. Sparkman devoted himself to the non-

emergency transport unit.

"He liked that a lot," Fiandt said. "He had a very caring attitude for those people and the ability to talk with them. He knew what they were going through."

"I couldn't have found a better mentor," Fiandt said. "He taught me that I should never let things bother me, and if it does, I should talk it through with someone. A lot of us (in the EMS) were able to help Lee do just that, when he went through the loss of his son."

Former Kendallville Police officer Mick Newton, now director of Noble County Emergency Preparedness, said Mr. Sparkman "put his whole heart into whatever it was he was doing. He had the idea he had to do everything right, never halfway," Newton said.

"He brought so much to this community, but he also was a very dedicated family man. You could always count on Lee, no matter what," he said.

Mr. Sparkman found the time to work part-time, too, at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home for the past 10 years. The funeral home was where a very large number of friends and family paid their respects before Mr. Sparkman's funeral Feb. 18 at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church.

"He was never one to want any glory," said Kathy Young of Berhalter-Hutchins. "He was a very humble man who would do anything and everything he was asked to do. With the rest of the community, we are going to miss him."

Samuel Barkman

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Samuel Barkman Jr., 75, of Hicksville, Ohio, died Thursday, Feb. 23, 2006, at Community Memorial Hospital in Hicksville.

Mr. Barkman worked as a truck driver for Hulbert & Tomlinson of Hicksville for 41 years and also for Ruan Trucking.

He was a member of the Coburn Corners Church of Christ in St. Joe. He enjoyed the Hardee's Rif Raf Club, bingo, bowling and softball.

He was born Nov. 29, 1930, in Mark Center, Ohio, to Samuel Barkman Sr. and Magdalina (Plank) Barkman.

He married Joan Brinker on March 24, 1956. She survives.

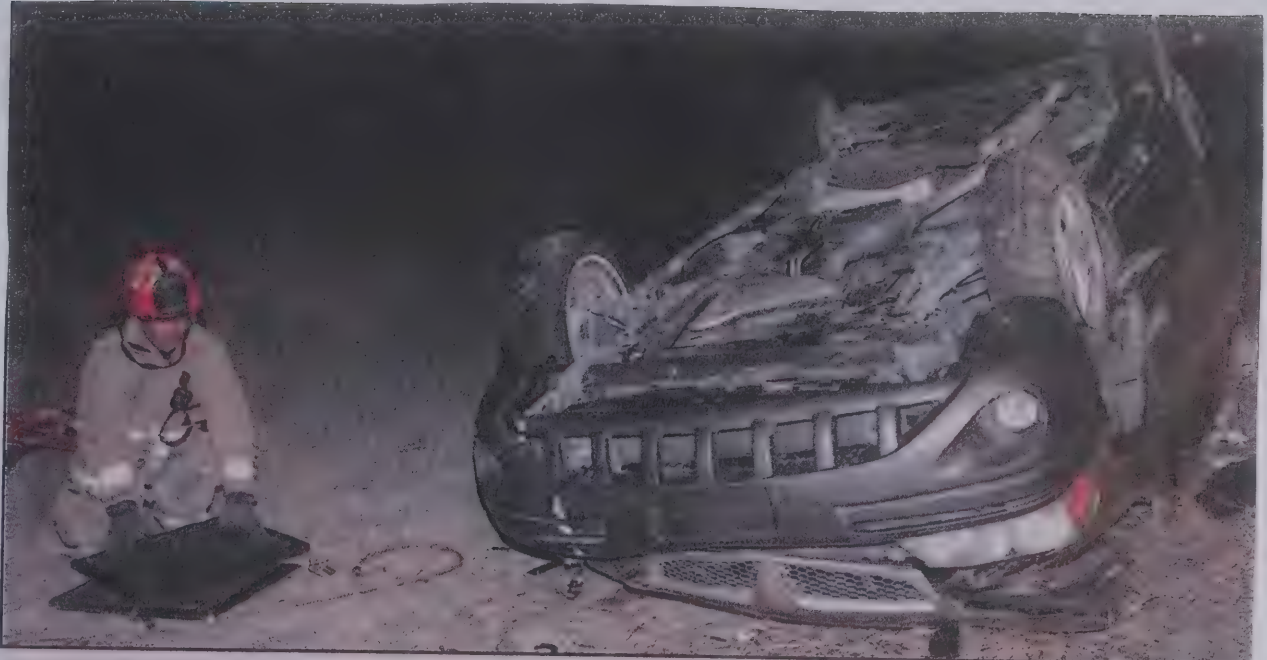
Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Glenn Barkman of St. Joe, Paul and Linda Barkman of St. Joe and John and Deb Barkman of Hicksville; three daughters and sons-in-law, Sue and Steve Sanders of Anniston, Ala., Vera and John Ball of

Fort Wayne and Rita and David Virt of Noblesville; 18 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; three brothers; and three sisters.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Jane West; a son, James; a grandson and three siblings.

Services will be Monday at 3 p.m. in Smith & Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville. Pastor Dave Turpen will officiate. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery of Hicksville.

Calling will be Monday from 10 a.m. to noon and 2 to 3 p.m. at the funeral home.



JEFF JONES

A Butler firefighter picks up an inflatable airbag before dawn Sunday at the scene of a crash on S.R. 1 south of Hamilton. The crash killed the driver of the overturned

van, James Geist, 48, of Harlan, and injured five members of his family.

S.R. 1 crash kills driver

Five passengers hurt when van flips

HAMILTON — A Harlan man died and five members of his family suffered injuries when their van rolled over in a crash on S.R. 1 south of DeKalb C.R. 63 at 5:03 a.m. Sunday.

James R. Geist, 48, of the 1100 block of Yellowstone Trail, Harlan, was pronounced dead at the scene due to a fractured neck and head injuries, said DeKalb County Police Deputy Gerald Kline.

Geist was driving a 2001 Pontiac Montana minivan, traveling south on S.R. 1. The family had been to a funeral in Pennsylvania and was coming home after a side trip into Virginia, Kline said.

The Geists had exited the Ohio Turnpike near Edon and were traveling home after deciding not to stop for the night, according to Kline.

Geist momentarily dozed off while speaking with his wife, Kline said.

"His head was turned and he was speaking to his wife," Kline learned from Cindy Geist. "He dozed off, and when she yelled that they were going off the road, he jerked the steering wheel to the left," Kline said.

The minivan went into a spin, crossed both lanes of the roadway and entered the ditch on the east side of the highway. It then struck a large embankment and flipped several times before coming to rest on its top.

Police said all six people in the van were wearing their seatbelts at the time of the crash, although it was first thought that the youngest passenger, daughter Jamie Geist, 8, had been thrown from the vehicle. The Lutheran Air helicopter

took the girl to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, but injuries to her head, neck and lower abdomen proved to be minor, Kline said.

Other passengers in the vehicle were transported to area hospitals. Police said Cindy Geist, 50, sustained a laceration to her right hand; Evan Geist, 12, complained of neck and elbow pain and sustained a seat belt abrasion; Spencer Geist, 16, suffered a head abrasion and contusions to his right knee and arm; and Christopher, Geist, 15, suffered an abrasion to his head.

Police said the van was total loss. The traffic death was the third in DeKalb County since Jan. 1.

County police were assisted by police from Butler as well as fire rescue services of the Hamilton and Butler fire departments, two DeKalb EMS ambulances and one Steuben EMS ambulance.

John Moran Sr.

FORT WAYNE — John C. Moran Sr., 88, of Fort Wayne, died Thursday, Feb. 23, 2006, in Fort Myers, Fla.

Born in Garrett, he was a past member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus and Post 381 of the American Legion in Rome City.



Mr. Moran

He served in the U.S. Army as a rifle marksman and retired from City Utilities after 29 years as a supervisor in water pollution control maintenance.

Surviving are his wife, Peggy; a daughter and son-in-law, Judie and Steve Rose of Fort Wayne; two sons and a daughter-in-law, John Moran Jr. of Fort Wayne and Stephen

and Donna Moran of Wolcottville; two stepdaughters and a spouse, Vicki and Don Swanson and Kim Foster of Cape Coral, Fla.; five grandchildren and their spouses, Amy and Dean McComb, Kelly and Steven Campbell, John Moran III and Joellen Moran of Fort Wayne, Amanda Miller of Auburn and Kent and Christie Moran of Pendleton; stepgrandchildren and their spouses, Lindsey, Aaron and Justin Swanson, Cindy Friend and Tim Stauffer, and Beth and Dennis Tapp of Fort Wayne; two stepsisters, Anna Weikart of Fort Wayne and Joan Hixson of Garrett; 18 great-grandchildren; one great-great grandson; several nieces and nephews; and his best friend, Chelsea.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Lois Moran, and two sisters, Florence Didion and Helen White.

Violet Mills

GARRETT — Violet R. Mills, 94, of Garrett died Sunday, Feb. 26, 2006 at 3:03 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

Mrs. Mills helped her husband in their grocery store on South Cowen Street in Garrett. She was a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett.

She was born Sept. 22, 1911, in Garrett to Lynde A. and Rosetta A. (Helms) Murphy. They preceded her in death.

She married John Mills in February 1939 in Fort Wayne. He died Jan. 3, 1971.

She is survived by many friends and neighbors.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Pastor Jim Lilley of the First Church of Christ in Garrett will officiate. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Tuesday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Miller's Merry Manor Activity Department or the First Church of Christ in Garrett.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

Services will be Wednesday at 7 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Father Emmanuel Chikezie will officiate.

Calling will be Tuesday from 5-9 p.m. and Wednesday from 1-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association, Hope Hospice House of 9479 Health Park Circle, Fort Myers, FL 33908, or a charity of the donor's choice.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is being reprinted with additional information.

Sarah Fulk

LAOTTO — Sarah Lue Orcutt Fulk, 82, of LaOtto died Sunday, Feb. 26, 2006, at 8:41 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital at Fort Wayne, where she was admitted Feb. 2.

Mrs. Fulk was employed at General Electric and retired in the mid-1980s from Dana Corp. with 17 years of service.

Reared in West Etna Baptist Church, she was a former member of Troy Methodist Church and was attending Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren.



Mrs. Fulk

She was born Jan. 27, 1924, in Whitley County to Clyde O. and Maude Belle (Pentecost) Miller. She spent her formative years in Etna Troy Township. She attended 10 years at Etna School and graduated from North Webster High School.

On Nov. 11, 1944, she married Gerald O. Orcutt. They made their home on a farm in Troy Township. Mr. Orcutt died April 12, 1969.

She married Jesse Howard Fulk on Nov. 26, 1982. They have made their home on a farm near LaOtto in DeKalb County. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Dennis and Marcia Orcutt of Columbia City and Lynn and Linda Orcutt of Larwill; three stepchildren and their spouses, Beverly and Duane Rowe of Witmer Lake, Marilyn and Robert Wiant of Adams Lake and Jesse "Eugene" Sam and Sharon Fulk of Golden Lake; two grandchildren and a spouse, Tammy and Paul Roberts and Roy Alan Orcutt; nine stepgrandchildren, two great-grandchildren, 13 stepgreat-grandchildren and a stepgreat-great grandchild; a brother, Basil Miller of Etna Troy Township; and a sister, Martha Hartley of Marion.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Jesse Allison Miller and Byron Miller, and a sister, Geneva Wilson.

Services will be Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, 207 N. Main St., Columbia City. Pastors Curtiss Johnson and Brad

Hardesty will officiate. Burial will be in West Etna Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Youth of Christ of Northeast Indiana in Auburn, West Etna Community Church or the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren.

Condolences may be sent at www.smithandsonsfuneral-home.com.

Tammie Uhrick

FORT WAYNE — Tammie Jayne Uhrick, 45, of Fort Wayne, died Saturday, Feb. 25, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, April Hadley and Tracy and Matt West, all of Fort Wayne; one son, George Uhrick Jr., of Fort Wayne; two granddaughters; her mother, Bonnie Zent of Fort Wayne; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Vickie and James Hernandez, Terri and Kurt Lahmeyer and Patti and John Churchill, all of Fort Wayne; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Mark and Kathy Gibson of Auburn and Vincent Gibson Jr. of Fort Wayne; a stepbrother, Michael Zent of Woodburn; and grandmother Bernice Lunnemeier of Fort Wayne.

Preceding her in death were her father, Lloyd Zent; and two brothers, Scott and Kelly Gibson.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St., Fort Wayne, with Pastor Arnold Piering officiating. Burial will be at Prairie Grove Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Corzettia Brewer

BURR OAK, Mich. — Corzettia Mae Brewer, 68, of Burr Oak died Sunday, Feb. 26, 2006, at Select Specialty Hospital in Battle Creek.

She was born Oct. 26, 1937, in Dony, Ky., to Barth and Bell (Alley) Gayheart. On June 4, 1955, she married James Brewer in Lebanon, Va. He died Feb. 19, 2006.

Mrs. Brewer had resided in Burr Oak since 1995, coming from Phoenix, Ariz.

She was a homemaker and enjoyed cooking. She was a member of Mt. Calvary United Baptist Church.

Her greatest joy was time spent with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Christina and Marvin "Joe" Walston of Burr Oak; a son and daughter-in-law, James Douglas and Kathy Brewer of Butler, Ind.; three brothers, Alvin Gayheart of Shelbyville, Ind., Delbert Gayheart of Beach Grove, Ind., and Dan Gayheart of Troy, Ohio; two sisters, Ruby Gayheart of Covington, Ky., and Dixie Herby of Prairieville, Ohio; seven grandchildren, Robert Walston, Kenneth Walston, Shane Douglas Brewer, James Douglas Wilson, Robert Donald Brewer, David Lewis and Amy Wallace; 13 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.



Mrs. Brewer

She was also preceded in death by a granddaughter, Kayla Walston; seven brothers, Vester, Chester, Green, Jack, Theron, Reford and Morg; and six sisters, Bell, Millie, Martha, Annie, Omy, Ocie and Ruth.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Mt. Calvary United Baptist Church in Stroh with the Rev. Willie Collins officiating. Burial will be in Burr Oak Cemetery in Burr Oak, Mich.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today at Hackman-Foglesong Funeral Home in Sturgis, Mich., and after 3 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to Select Specialty Hospital, Att: David Gehringer, 300 North Ave., 6th Floor, Battle Creek, MI 49016.

Beverly Orewiler

AUBURN — Beverly "June" Orewiler, 77, of Auburn died Saturday, Feb. 25, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Orewiler was born Feb. 18, 1929, in Sturgis, Mich., to George and Mary Pauline (Grandstaff) Nusbaum. She was married to Keith Raymond Orewiler on March 17, 1949, and he survives.

She worked at the Hamburger Shop just north of Public Square in Angola, and also at the Trout Club in Fremont and Tom's Donuts in Angola. She was well-known for her homemade soups and sandwiches that Tom's Donuts offered customers.

She lived in Angola from 1954 to 1994, when she and her husband moved to Auburn to be closer to their daughter and son.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Marsha and John Liechty of Auburn; two sons, Larry Orewiler and his fiancée Lori Knight of Auburn and Dean Orewiler and his fiancée Diane Avery of Kendallville; and three grandchildren, Arri and Ian Orewiler, both of Rome City, and James Orewiler of Wisconsin.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Jim Hulbert officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 10 to 11 a.m.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Longtime PH ag teacher Ned Stump dies at age 67

LAGRANGE — Former longtime Prairie Heights agriculture teacher Ned H. Stump, 67, of LaGrange died at 12:10 a.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2006, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.



Mr. Stump

Mr. Stump retired from Prairie Heights School Corp. in 2000 after 37 years of service, which included serving as manager of the 230-acre school farm for 34 years and 30 years as head of the school's agriculture department.

He held bachelor's and master's degrees from Purdue University and had taken courses at Indiana University South Bend, Ball State University and the University of Illinois.

Mr. Stump was a member of the Apostolic Temple Church in South Bend where he was a Sunday school teacher and member of the church's orchestra and choir.

He was active in the community, holding memberships with the Stroh Lions Club, LaGrange County Red Cross, LaGrange County Gideons, Prairie Heights Country Carvers, Prairie Heights Young Farmers, Purdue Ag Alumni, LaGrange County Farm Bureau and Prairie Heights FFA Alumni.

Mr. Stump was involved with or had served on the board of the LaGrange County Community Foundation, LaGrange County 4-H Club Association, LaGrange County Plan Commission, LaGrange County Board of Zoning Appeals, LaGrange County Cooperative Extension Board, Oliver Lake Conservation Camp, Prairie Heights FFA, Prairie Heights Heritage Festival, and served as the District 111 FFA Horse Drawn Wagon Train coordinator in 1976 and as a state fair project judge for 31 years.

His professional accomplishments included serving as president of the Prairie Heights Classroom Teachers Association, FFA National Convention delegate adviser and on the Indiana FFA Foundation Board of Directors. He was a member of the ISTA,

NEA, Indiana Vocational Association, Indiana Vocational Teachers Association, National Vocational Ag Teachers Association, American Vocational Association, EEAL-Environmental Education Association of Indiana, Water Watchers of Indiana and the National Agriculture Hall of Fame Board of Directors.

In 1973, he was named LaGrange Citizen of the Year and in 1975 he received the state Environmental Conservation Education Teacher of the Year award. He was named the state Environmental Conservation Teacher of the Year in 1983 and the state Vocational Teacher of the Year in 1986. In 1990 he received the Proven Site Teacher of Teachers award and in 1997 he received the Prairie Heights Teacher of the Year award.

Mr. Stump was born March 30, 1938, in Kendallville to Raymond and Mary Kathrine (Mohnesmith) Stump. They are deceased.

He married Nancy Bovee on May 23, 1959, in South Bend. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Crystal and Robert Leu and Becky and Randy Younce, all of LaGrange, and Kathrine and George VanDerslice of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Nathan Stump and his fiancée, Xiao Son, of Winston-Salem, N.C., Scott and Denise Stump of Stoneham, Colo., and Kurt and Wendy Stump of Shipshewana; four brothers, Kenneth Stump of Albion, Tom Stump of Garrett and Dan and Kevin Stump, both of Wolf Lake; a sister, Sue Emerson of Rome City; and nine grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Stroh Church of Christ in Stroh with the Rev. Paul Rose officiating. Burial will be in Lake Bethel Cemetery at LaGrange.

Calling will be from 1-8 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to the Gideons or the Ned Stump Scholarship Fund in care of Farmers State Bank, 220 S. Detroit St., LaGrange, IN 46761.

Furip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.furipmayfuneralhome.com.

Ora Gisel

KENDALLVILLE — Ora Leonard Gisel, 85, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2006, at 1:30 p.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

For more than 20 years, he was part-owner of Wm. Gisel & Son, a heating, spouting and sheet metal business in Kendallville. He then was a sales



Mr. Gisel

representative for Somico of Coldwater, Mich., Wayne Pipe and Supply Co. of Fort Wayne, and Schaab Metal Products of Fort Wayne.

He was born Jan. 31, 1921, in Kendallville to William L. and Blanche A. (Rasey) Gisel.

In 1939, he graduated from Kendallville High School, where he was active in the band and Thespians.

On Aug. 5, 1942, he was drafted into the U.S. Army, and he served with the 250th Coastal Artillery at Fort Greeley, Kodiak and the island of Shemya in Alaska as a radar operator. He was a life member of the Sergeants Club of Fort Greeley.

Mr. Gisel married Ida Josephine Wacknitz on Aug. 22, 1944, in Huntington. After his discharge from the service on Nov. 8, 1945, he returned to Kendallville and worked for Elmer Seagley. With his father, he went into the business that carried the family name in 1948.

He was a member of American Legion Post 86 and Masonic Lodge 276. He also was a member of Faith United Methodist Church, where he served as a Sunday school teacher, Sunday school superintendent and trustee. He sang in the church choir.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, JoEllen and Robert Sprinkle of Tempe, Ariz., and Cathy Sue and David Lee of Saline, Mich.; two sons and daughters-in-law, William "Bill" and Christine Gisel and Tommy Lee and Darlene Gisel, all of Kendallville; seven granddaughters, Beth Ann Meier of New York, N.Y., Laura Miller of Auburn, Tara Jo Sprinkle of Tempe, Ariz., Amy Reyes of Queenecreek, Ariz., Cyndi Lee and Crysta Lee of Saline, Mich., and Rachel Gisel of Kendallville; four grandsons, Andrew Gisel of Kendallville, Matthew Gisel of Wawaka, Ty Sprinkle of Tempe, Ariz., and Daniel Lee of Saline, Mich.; two stepgrandsons, Sgt. David Hamann of Camp Lejeune, N.C., and Ronald Hamann of Kendallville; and nine great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his wife, Ida, in 2003; and a son, Charles Edward Gisel, in 1970.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Faith United Methodist Church, 411 Harding St., Kendallville, with the Rev. James Toole and Tom Novy officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, and from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday at the Faith United Methodist Church. A Masonic service will begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

Pallbearers will be Andrew Gisel, Matthew Gisel, Shannan Miller, Daniel Lee, Shea Seidel, Jon Meier and Sgt. David Hamann.

Memorials are to the church.

Sheila Peacock

WATERLOO — Sheila Castator Campbell Peacock, 56, of Waterloo died Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2006, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

She was a former employee of Kraft Foods in Kendallville and Dana Epic in Kendallville.



Mrs. Peacock

She was born Jan. 16, 1950, in Auburn to Robert Castator and Carroll Wade Castator. Her father preceded her in death, and her mother survives in Waterloo.

She married Forrest L. Peacock in Auburn on March 31, 1996, and he survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jessica (Campbell) and Brett Boyd of Pleasant Lake; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Wade and Beverly Castator of Waterloo and Raymond and Tonya Castator of Ashley; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Bobbie and Mike Voss of Fort Wayne, Valerie Wilson of Ashley and Anne and Dana Treesh of Garrett; 23 nieces and nephews; and three grandchildren, Blake, Bo and Brook Boyd.

She was preceded in death by a niece.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Ron Stambaugh officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery in rural Waterloo.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family in care of Carroll Castator.

Charles Kimmel

LAOTTO — Charles J. “Chuck” Kimmel, 58, of rural LaOtto died at 9:55 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Kimmel had lived in the Avilla and LaOtto area for more than 50 years. He was the owner and operator of



Mr. Kimmel

Kimmel Realty in Avilla and a licensed broker and Realtor.

He had also retired from General Electric after 33 years of service.

Mr. Kimmel served in the United States Army as a military police officer during the Vietnam War.

Mr. Kimmel was a member of LaOtto Wesleyan Church. He was also a member of the Fort Wayne Realtors Association and the Northeast Indiana Realtors Association.

Mr. Kimmel enjoyed watching his sons play sports, working in his garage, summer holidays at the lake and spending time with his family.

He was born Aug. 28, 1947, in Spencerville to Charles R. and Mildred (Gose) Kimmel. They were killed in a traffic accident on Feb. 13, 2001.

He married Patricia Lynn Schlegel on Aug. 1, 1970, at Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Shawn Charles Kimmel of Royal Center and Shannon Dean Kimmel of Fort Wayne; a sister, Cheryl Hilliard of Churubusco; three sisters-in-law, Sandra Schlegel, Cheryl (Alva) Foster and Kathy Gillman; and two nieces, Tammie Metz and Nikki King.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at LaOtto Wesleyan Church in LaOtto with Pastor Tyler Ward officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville with military graveside services conducted by Avilla American Legion Post 240.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, and one hour prior to services Friday at the church.

Memorials are to LaOtto Wesleyan Church or the LaOtto Little League program.

Connie Sue Cline

PRINCETON, W. Va. — Connie Sue Cline, 55, of Quail Valley Estates, Princeton, and formerly of Auburn, died early Wednesday morning, March 1, 2006, at Princeton Community Hospital.

Born Aug. 17, 1950, at War Eagle, she was the daughter of the late Raymond and Edna Scarberry New. She was educated in Gilbert.

Mrs. Cline and her husband, Howard, moved to Auburn, where they spent 13 years as owners and operators of Cline Trucking Co. They moved back to the Princeton area a short time ago.

While living in Auburn, she was an active member of Calvary Chapel Church. Upon her return to West Virginia, she had been attending First Assembly of God in Princeton.

She was a devoted wife, mother and loving grandmother.

Surviving are her husband of 38 years, Howard William Cline Jr.; four daughters and a son-in-law, Beverly Cline of Princeton, Malinda Cline Lester and her husband, Sean, of Bluefield, W. Va., Tonya Nichols of Garrett and April Cline at home; an adopted son, Michael Kasales of Knoxville, Tenn.; five grandchildren, Erika Young, Nicholas and Emily Lester, Carley Grace Gess and Austin William

Garrison; a brother and sister-in-law, Harold and Diana New of Fort Meade Fla.; six sisters and a brother-in-law, Shirley Robinette of Princeton, Betty Justice of Bluefield, Frieda and Bill Brant of Bluewell, W. Va., Jo Ellen New of Princeton, Debbie New of Bassett, Va., and Lucille Cline of Gilbert, W. Va.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Earl New.

Charles Dull Sr.

HAMILTON — Charles L. Dull Sr., 76, of Hamilton died Thursday, March 2, 2006, at 9:55 a.m. in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Dull served as Butler's police chief for 10 years and as the Hamilton town marshal. He also served in the military in the early 1950s.

He was born Jan. 6, 1930, in Butler to Waldo Ned Dull and Gertrude (Madden) Dull. His parents preceded him in death.

He married Lynette Clark on May 26, 1953, in Angola. She survives in Butler.

Also surviving are three sons, Charles L. Dull Jr. of Hamilton, Patrick Dull and his friend, Roxanne Sites, of Hamilton and Shane Dull of Hamilton; three grandchildren, Jeremy, Kimberly and Timothy Dull, all of Hamilton; and three great-grandchildren, Nautica, Draven and Zane Dull of Hamilton.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler. Pastor Dale Rabineau will officiate.

Calling will be Sunday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb Heart Association.

A celebration of life service will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Burns Wornal Chapel of the Memorial Funeral Directory in Princeton with Pastor James Wiley officiating. Burial will follow in Roselawn Memorial Gardens at Princeton.

Calling will be tonight from 6 to 8 at Memorial Funeral Directory & Cremation Center on Athens Road in Princeton.

Condolences may be posted online at www.memorialfd.com.

Myrtle 'Marie' Clark

GARRETT — Myrtle "Marie" Clark, 94, of Garrett died Thursday, March 2, 2006, at 4:45 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor nursing home at Fort Wayne.

She was an assembly worker at Raymond Burtch Printing for five years and worked in the attendance office at J.E. Ober Elementary School in Garrett for 11 years.



Mrs. Clark

She was a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett and the Order of the Eastern Star for 57 years. She had been a Garrett resident since 1950.

She was born May 14, 1911, in Beaverton, Mich., to Clarence S. and Lenora (Ayres) Killian. They preceded her in death.

She married Hubert A. Clark on Oct. 6, 1929, in Auburn. He died in 1971.

Surviving are a daughter, Mary Lou Klemm of Fort Wayne; a son, Jerry D. Clark of Bunker Hill, Ind.; two grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren, four great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson; and a sister, Bernice Sechler of St. Joe.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Clyde Killian, and two sisters, Arlene Hurni and Olive Snyder.

Services will be Monday at 4 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial will be in the Scipio Cemetery, between Hicksville, Ohio, and Harlan, Wednesday at noon.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Church of Christ.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

Donald Dirr

CHURUBUSCO — Donald R. Dirr, 72, died Feb. 25, 2006, at 12:45 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Dirr was employed at Plibrico for 45 years as a brick mason, retiring in 1995.

He was a member of the Nine Mile United Methodist Church and the International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftsmen.

He served in the U.S. Navy aboard the U.S.S. Bremerton Heavy Cruiser CA130 and was a member of the U.S. Navy Cruiser Sailor's Association.

He was born Oct. 11, 1933, in Hamilton.

Surviving are his wife, Annabelle L. (Hughes) Dirr; two sons and daughters-in-law, W. Brian and Sheryl Dirr and Brett E. and Renee Dirr; four sisters, Laverne Tubbs, Mabel Musall, Clara Jennings of Butler and Betty Lewis; and two grandchildren, Hayden and Avery Dirr.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, Ora, Melvin, Sylvester, Ray and Kenneth, and two sisters, Ruth Dirr and Opal Kunsman.

Services were conducted Wednesday in Nine Mile United Methodist Church, Fort Wayne. Burial was in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Memorials are to Nine Mile United Methodist Church.

Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, handled arrangements.

Peggy Gorman

AVILLA — Peggy J. Gorman, 68, died Friday, March 3, 2006, at 3 a.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home at Avilla.

Mrs. Gorman had lived in Garrett for the past 48 years. She worked at General Electric's aircraft division in Fort Wayne, retiring in July 1995.

She was a member of the Garrett Eagles and the Red Hat Society.

She was born May 10, 1937, in Francesville to Alvin and Mildred (Swing) Boehning. Her mother survives in Francesville.

On May 2, 1953, she married Donald Michael. He died in March 1989.

She married Franklin "Skip" Gorman in November 1994. He died in September 1997.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Mark and Ramona Michael of Corunna and Brian and DoSun Michael of Tacoma, Wash.; two sisters, Mil Darnell of Lafayette and Sherry Bowers of Coldwater, Mich.; three grandsons, Benjamin Michael of Bowling Green, Ohio, Andrew Michael of Auburn and Nathan Michael of Tacoma, Wash.; two granddaughters, Emily Michael of Corunna and Katelyn Michael of Tacoma, Wash.; and two great-grandchildren, Jade and Hunter Michael of Auburn.

In addition to her husbands, she was preceded in death by her father; a son, Ricky Michael; and a daughter, Teri Ann Michael.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling will be Sunday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Garrett Community Center or Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

John 'Bob' McCarthy

WATERLOO — John Robert "Bob" McCarthy, 62, of Waterloo died Thursday, March 2, 2006, at his home.

Mr. McCarthy was a truck driver for U.S. Express and England Trucking.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War, serving from Aug. 12, 1964, to May 28, 1968. He attended the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren in Garrett.

He was born Sept. 2, 1943, in Lockport, N.Y., to Robert W. and Arlene (Dohring) McCarthy. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Day McCarthy of Virginia; a sister, Mary Ellen Muzzillo of Auburn; his stepmother, Hilda McCarthy of Auburn; a niece, Adina M. Houser of Auburn; two nephews, Alan R. Winebrenner of Auburn and Scott P. Winebrenner of Garrett; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Pastor Brad Hardesty officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be Monday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Larry Asher

HOMOSASSA, Fla. — Larry Asher, 50, of Homosassa, Fla., died Monday Feb. 27, 2006, at his home.

He was born March 23, 1955, in LaGrange.

He graduated from Garrett High School in 1973 as an honor student.

Surviving are his sister, Lorraine Sarzynski of Hanceville, Ala.; a brother William Asher of Fremont; a

stepbrother, Charles Laws of Avilla; and stepsister, Teryl Franks of Phoenix, Ariz.

There will be no calling.

Former Fremont businessman, school board member was unique

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND

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FREMONT — Richard Baker was a man who liked to make people feel special — and he came up with unique ways to do it.

"He loved to jet-ski," his wife of two years, Janet, said with a smile in her voice. "He became quite famous. He ran (the jet-ski) way into the fall. He delivered pumpkins to the neighbors on the lake."

Richard and Janet lived on Clear Lake for most of the year, but wintered in Florida.

Richard began Baker's Acres Farm Market in Fremont as a seasonal business in 1968, and grew it to become a year-round business. He ran the business until 1986, when his son Chris took over. The business has grown to three locations in Steuben County.

Richard was also a member of the Fremont Community Schools Board of Education from 1994 to 2002 after he retired from teaching in the school district.

After a year of failing health, Richard Baker died in Brandon, Fla. on Feb. 19. He was 73.

Janet and Richard were married on Dec. 28, 2003. Although they had only been married a little over two years, they were schoolmates and Janet said they knew one another pretty much all their lives.

Janet was married to her first

husband, George, for 48 years, and Richard was married to his first wife, Gerrallee, for 46 years. Both were widowed.

"Then we were both alone, he came to see me, and something just ... happened," Janet said.

Janet said although Richard battled many health problems over the last year — he had Guillain-Barré syndrome, a disorder in which the body's immune system attacks part of the peripheral nervous system, heart surgery and valve replacement that resulted in a severe infection and finally a major stroke — he always tried to remain active. In addition to rehabilitation, he also took aerobics classes at Hilltop Health Club in Angola.

"We had a long, hard year and it just seemed like it was one thing after another," Janet

said with a sigh.

Janet said Richard's seven grandchildren and four stepgrandchildren were precious to him.

"He was very fond of all of them, his and mine, and I think they all really liked him back," she said.

Lisa Baker, who is married to Richard's son Chris, knew her father-in-law for 20 years.

"He was such a great guy," Lisa said. "He was just like a dad to me."

Janet said although she and Richard both had good lives and marriages before they married, she is still sorry she didn't have more time with him.

"He was a really special person and I was lucky to have him, even though the time was too short," she said sadly. "We were all lucky to have him for the time we did."



Mr. Baker

Diana Dearing

AUBURN — Diana Dearing, 60, died at 10:23 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Miss Dearing worked for Pinkerton Security and had lived in the community since 1965.

She was born Dec. 9, 1945, in Arcade, N.Y., to Richard and Pearl (Brock) Dearing. They preceded her in death.

Miss Dearing is survived by two brothers and sisters-in-law, Neil Dennis and Carol Dearing of Eagle, N.Y., and Paul and Carrie Dearing of Pomona, Calif.; a sister and brother-in-law, Sheila and Allen Grissom of Fort Worth, Texas; and a friend, Mary Ahr of Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion. The Rev. Austin Fergusson will officiate. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

There will be no calling.

Brazzell Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mable Peters

AUBURN — Mable A. Peters, 100, of Auburn died Saturday, March 4, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Peters was born May 30, 1905, in DeKalb County. She was an operator with the telephone company for three years and worked at the Heimach Center in Auburn for seven years. She was a member of the Indian Village Church of God in Auburn.



Mrs. Peters

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Wanda and Jim Tagliareni of Hammond, Erlene and Donald Miller of Ohio and Jean Quaintance of Fort Wayne; three sons and daughters-in-law, Clarence and Sara Peters of Syracuse, Allen and Sharon Peters of Auburn and Carl and Janet Peters of Kendallville; 17 grandchildren, Jim Tagliareni of Denver, Mary Kay Hine of Chesterton, Ross Quaintance and Robert Quaintance, both of Fort Wayne, Jason Peters of Auburn, Lori Davidson of Kendallville, Larry Salsbury of Michigan, Dan Salsbury of Fort Wayne, Jack Salsbury and Diane Salsbury, both of Dalton, Ohio, Robert Wannamaker, Thomas Wannamaker, Patty Wannamaker, Mary Lou Wannamaker and Donald Wannamaker, all of Goshen, Steve Peters of Valparaiso and Scott Peters of Calumet; 33 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence T. Peters; a daughter, Rosella Wannamaker; three half sisters, Helen Baughman, Wava Nickels and Myrtle Bellman; and two half brothers, Roy Eck and Frank Eck.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is being reprinted to clarify date of services.

Diana Dearing

AUBURN — Diana Dearing, 60, of Auburn died at 10:23 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

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Miss Dearing was survived by two brothers and sisters-in-law, Neil Dennis and Carol Dearing of Eagle, N.Y., and Paul and Carrie Dearing of Pomona, Calif.; a sister and brother-in-law, Sheila and Allen Grissom of Fort Worth, Texas; and a friend, Mary Ahr of Fort Wayne.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 28, at Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion. The Rev. Austin Fergusson will officiate. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

There will be no calling. Brazzell Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery at Kendallville.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Arthur Gabet

BUTLER — Arthur A. Gabet, 87, died Saturday, March 4, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Gabet was a retired truck driver and a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

He was born Oct. 26, 1918, in New Haven to Joseph and Teresa (Vachon) Gabet.

On Oct. 12, 1940, in New Haven, he married Rose Housel. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Michael and Pamela Gabet and Richard Gabet, all of Butler; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Rose Ann and Jerry Dohner of Butler, Patricia and Charles Miller of Hicksville, Ohio, and Ellen Kelder of Garrett; two brothers, Charles Gabet of New Haven and Norbert Gabet of Cromwell; a sister, Ruth Ann Gingery of Garrett; 10 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Ronald; five brothers; and a sister.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with Father Daniel R. Leeuw officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery at Edgerton, Ohio, with military graveside services by American Legion Post 202 of Butler.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home, with a rosary service beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Condolences may be sent online at hejohnsonfh.com.

Frances Carr

ST. JOE — Frances L. Carr, 87, died Sunday, March 5, 2006, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Mrs. Carr was a nurse's aide for more than 30 years, retiring from the Laurels of DeKalb. She enjoyed taking care of people and trying to make their lives more comfortable.

She was a member of Concord United Methodist Church in rural St. Joe.

She was born Aug. 5, 1917, in Concord Township of DeKalb County to Harry and Helen (Gamble) Smith. Her parents preceded her in death.

She married Huber Carr on Sept. 30, 1934, in Paulding, Ohio. He died March 26, 2002.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Harold and Marilyn Carr of Auburn; three daughters and sons-in-law, Ruth and Bill Sipe of Newville, Jane and Robert Biddle of Garrett, and Jean and Wilbur Camp of St. Joe; 15 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren; and 20 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Jimmy Carr; a brother, Richard Carr; and a sister, Betty Roop.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Frank Weller will officiate. Burial will be in Big Run Cemetery of rural Butler.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Heimach Center in Auburn.

Glen Morrison

HOUMA, La. — Former Fremont resident Glen Charles Morrison, 71, of Houma, La., died Friday, March 3, 2006.

Mr. Morrison was born in York Township to Sidney J. and Zelma M. (Kugler) Morrison. He was a retired master tractor-trailer driver for J.W. Walker Trucking.

Surviving are his wife, Phoebe Chauvin Morrison; his stepmother, Bettie M. Morrison of Fremont; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Allen Lee and Karen Morrison of Norton, Ohio, Jerry Wayne and Debbie Morrison of Lafayette, La., and Thomas Glen Morrison of Thibodaux, La.; two brothers, Roger Morrison of Auburn and Larry Morrison of Brentwood; two sisters, Melanie M. Sindel of Edgerton, Ohio, and Debbie M. Keener of Edinburgh; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Barbara Jean Morrison.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Chauvin Funeral Home Chapel, Houma. Burial will be in St. Francis de Sales No. 1 Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 8 a.m. until the time of the service.

The family requests no flowers.

Hazel Oliver

HAMILTON — Hazel Leona Oliver, 96, of Hamilton died Sunday, March 5, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Oliver was born Feb. 5, 1910, in Flint to Frank and Leorna (Baker) Locke. She married Lyman Oliver on Feb. 1, 1933, in Metz,

and he preceded her in death.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Hamilton Wesleyan Church.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Paul and Sharon Oliver of Angola, Raymond and Judy Oliver of Fort Wayne, Ronald and Cheryl Oliver of Enon, Ohio, and Kenneth and Ellen Oliver of Waterloo; 15 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Harold and Loraine Locke and Earl and Helen Locke.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton, with the Rev. David Leitzel officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.

Memorials are to the Hamilton Wesleyan Church.

Condolences can be left online at www.oberlin-ford.com.



Mrs. Oliver

Joyce Sutton

KENDALLVILLE — Joyce Sutton, 66, of Kendallville died Monday, March 6, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Sutton graduated from Rome City High School in 1958 and was employed with Eaton Controls of Kendallville for about 20 years.

On Feb. 13, 1940, in Swan, she was born to Marzell and Lilah Mae (Conrad) Miller. She married Elmer A. Sutton on June 12, 1992, in South Milford. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Steve and Ann Smith of North Carolina and Brian Lee and Sharon Smith of Kendallville; a daughter, Melinda Smith of Boston, Mass.; a granddaughter and her spouse, Megan and Douglas Rhoades of Kendallville; a granddaughter, Jessica Smith of Auburn; a grandson, Nick Smith of Auburn; three stepgrandchildren, Ashley Gibson of Fort Wayne, Chase Gibson of Kendallville and Derrick Gayheart of North Carolina; a stepgreat-grandchild, Drake Rhoades of Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, Raymond and Judy Miller of Albion; a sister, Joan Cooper of Kendallville; a sister-in-law, Delphia Miller of Brimfield; six nephews; and a niece.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; and a brother, LeRoy J. Miller.



Mrs. Sutton

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Pastor Chris Mosley officiating.

Burial will be in South Milford Cemetery, South Milford. Pallbearers will be Ron and Kenny Miller, Douglas Rhoades, Larry Steel, Chase Gibson and Nick Smith.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneral-home.com.

Betty Gilbert

EDGERTON, Ohio — Betty Denman Gilbert, 81, of Edgerton and formerly of Garrett died Monday, March 6, 2006, at 3:20 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital at Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and a member of the South Milford Church of Christ.

She was born Jan. 25, 1925, in Bronson, Mich., to Bryon and Florence (Davis) VanWagner.

She married Clayton Denman on April 15, 1956, and he died Dec. 24, 1976.

On June 27, 1999, she married Robert Gilbert. He died Jan. 7, 2003.

Surviving are a son, Paul Denman of Hudson; a daughter, Florence Bolen of Edgerton; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Harold and Ora VanWagner; and three sisters, Marjorie Storer, Mary Lou Adams and Joyce Kehoe.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Lloyd Turnbull officiating. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery in Steuben County.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the South Milford Church of Christ.



Mrs. Gilbert

Doris Krill

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Doris I. Krill, 88, of Hicksville died Tuesday, March 7, 2006, at 2 p.m. in her home.

Mrs. Krill was a former lifelong resident of Edgerton, Ohio, and Blakeslee, Ohio. She worked as a clerk for the former Mast's Department Store in Edgerton and also a machinist for the former Syncrotech in Edgerton. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Blakeslee and also St. Mary Catholic Church in Edgerton.

She was born Jan. 23, 1918, in Farmer, Ohio, to Charles and Florence (Foster) Mavis.

She married Marnan Welly on Jan. 23, 1940. He died Nov. 28, 1967.

She then married Omar N. Goebel on Jan. 17, 1972, and he died June 17, 1987.

She married Kenny Krill on Jan. 5, 1990, and he also preceded her in death on July 15, 2000.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Mary Ellen Haller of Garrett, Colleen and Bob Oess of Cambridge, Ohio, and Constance Welly and Don Pahl of Edgerton; 10 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Louise Kaiser; and two sisters, Ilo Purny and Mary Reader.

Services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Mary Catholic Church in Edgerton, with Father Stephen Schroeder officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery in Edgerton.

Calling will be Thursday from 3-8 p.m. in Krill Funeral Home of Edgerton, with a rosary service at 8:15 p.m.

Memorials are to Hospice-The Caring Way of Defiance County.

Condolences may be sent and an online guest register signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is being reprinted with additional information about surviving relatives and memorials.

Sean Ferry

LAND O'LAKES, Fla. — Sean Mack Ferry, 38, of Land O' Lakes died Saturday, March 4, 2006.

Mr. Ferry worked at GE Modular Space for 14 years before leaving a year ago to join Modular Building Systems International, where he planned to become a partner.

He loved sports, swimming with his sons and spending time with his family and friends.

He was born July 8, 1967, in Garrett. He had lived in the Tampa, Fla., area for the past 10 years, moving from Miami, Fla.

Surviving are his wife of nine years, Sara; two sons, Drake M. and Sebastian J. Ferry; a brother, Bryan; three sisters, Jennifer, Patricia and Shannon; his mother, Marcia Shreve and her partner, Karen Horn; and his father and stepmother, John and Kay Ferry.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in Serenity Meadows Funeral Home, 6919 Providence Road, Riverview, Fla.

Calling will be today from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a trust fund for Mr. Ferry's children at the Sean Ferry Trust, account number 1000043063824, in care of the Sun Trust Bank, 1701 E. 7th Ave., Tampa, FL 33605, phone (813) 241-4436.

Julie Taylor

AUBURN — Julie N. Taylor, 84, of Auburn died Wednesday, March 8, 2006, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Taylor had been an Auburn resident for 38 years. She was an executive secretary for Rieke Corp. in Auburn for 25 years before retiring in 1985.

She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn, the Ladies of the Elks, Greenhurst Country Club and the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum, where she was a life member volunteer.

She was born June 6, 1921, in Goshen to Hugh and Margaret (VanNess) Newell. They preceded her in death.

She married Richard Taylor on Feb. 28, 1942, in Sturgis, Mich. He died Aug. 25, 1998.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Hugh N. and Janice Taylor of Waterloo and Jon C. Taylor and his partner, Rosa Wise, of Los Angeles; a daughter and son-in-law, Laurie J. and Robert Murphy of Green Bay, Wis.; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Charles Newell.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Pastor Stephen Kummer-nuss officiating. Burial will be in Oaklawn Cemetery of Sturgis at a later date.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

Julie Boldt

FORT WAYNE — Julie T. Boldt, 47, of Fort Wayne died Monday, March 6, 2006, in Fort Wayne.

She was a graduate of Indiana University and was a surgical technology student at the time of her death. She was an active member of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Surviving are her life partner, Curtis Wittwer of Spencerville; three children, Richard Matthew Payne, Melissa Miller and Jeremiah Wittwer; four grandchildren; her parents, Ted and Mary Rose Boldt; four sisters; and several nephews.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Violet Hill

FORT WAYNE — Violet R. (Hawk) Hill, 94, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, March 7, 2006, at Golden Years Homestead.

Born in Columbia City, she was a homemaker.

Surviving are three sons, Richard Hill of Auburn, Archie Hill of Hometown and Jerry Hill of Botkins, Ohio; nine grandchildren; 11 great-

grandchildren; and two sisters, Helen Stovall of Fort Wayne and Pauline June Cool of Angola.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Ferrol; two brothers; and five sisters.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with the Rev. Alvin Beggs officiating. Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

Ruth Grogg

AUBURN — Ruth Mary (Smith) Grogg, 92, of Auburn died Wednesday, March 8, 2006, at approximately 5 p.m. in Wesley Healthcare at Auburn.

Mrs. Grogg primarily was a homemaker and raised three children. She was active in many church, school and community activities. For the past 30 years, she was a member of the Auburn Baptist Church, where she sang many a cappella solos.

She was a 1932 graduate of Auburn High School. During her early adulthood she held office positions at the Auburn Automobile Co. and J.C. Penney.

She was born Jan. 8, 1914, in Auburn to Marion Martin Smith and Cora Belle (Widney) Smith.

She married Edward W. Grogg on Feb. 3, 1935, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn. Following their marriage, the couple moved to East Chicago and also lived in Highland before returning to Auburn in 1949. The couple were married for 52 years before Mr. Grogg died in 1987.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Joyce and Darrel Billings of Greenfield, and Sylvia Grogg and her husband, Allan Straten, of Fort Wayne; a son, Stephen Grogg of Auburn; four grandchildren, Tracy (Billings) Clark, Jill (Billings) Carr, Dr. Michael Wildermuth and Amy (Wildermuth) Bulger; 10 great-grandchildren; and a brother, John David Smith of Auburn.



Mrs. Grogg

She was preceded in death by a brother, Harry S.P. Smith.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a church or charity of the donor's choice.

John 'Jack' Stark

AUBURN — John L. "Jack" Stark, 85, of Auburn died Thursday, March 9, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Stark was the DeKalb County Extension Agent for agriculture for 30 years, retiring in 1977. He



Mr. Stark

served as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He was a member of First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, in Auburn. He also belonged to the Auburn Rotary Club, where he had perfect attendance for more than 50 years.

He was born Feb. 13, 1921, in Indianapolis to John and Zona (Orrell) Stark. They preceded him in death.

On June 15, 1947, in Albion, he married Helen Bortner. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Becky and Allen Wilmes of Auburn; and two grandchildren, Katrina Wilmes and Mark Wilmes.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Dr. Robert Craig officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, in Auburn.

Sina Davis

KENDALLVILLE — Sina Davis, 85, of Kendallville died Friday, March 10, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Davis was a homemaker devoted to raising seven children. She loved to garden and can the produce. She liked to watch people, was active with sewing and cooking and loved to go on family picnics. She moved to Noble County in 1955 and resided there 40 years before moving to Waterloo for 10 years. She then moved to Kendallville in August 2005.



Mrs. Davis

She was born June 7, 1920, in Risner, Ky., to Mont and Jemima (Ousley) Ousley. She married Newton Davis on June 21, 1941, in Prestonsburg, Ky. He preceded her in death on April 12, 2005.

Mrs. Davis is survived by three daughters and a son-in-law, Sylvia Schneider of Kendallville, Mona and Gary Ewalt of Waterloo and Nelva Hawks of Brimfield; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Burchel and Lona Davis of Hicksville, Ohio, Virgil Davis of Angola and James and Donna Davis of Edgerton, Ohio; 19 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Sylvia Crum of Martin, Ky.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Fannie Louise Dyer in 2000; an infant daughter, Ora Lee Davis; eight sisters; and a brother.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Elder Bruce Edwards will officiate.

Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery in Waterloo. Pallbearers will be Chris Schneider, Frank Hawks Jr., Tim Paxton, James Davis II, Nathan Davis, Cliff Ruggles and Burchel Davis Jr.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. today at the funeral home.

To send condolences, visit www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Ned Stump leaves rich legacy

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LAGRANGE — "The General has fallen; finally a battle that he was not to win, however medals of Honor still await him for his tour of duty, his fight for good. The General is no longer fighting for now he rests."

That's how Ned Stump's grandson, Ben Leu, begins a poem that he wrote for his grandfather. He said the poem was written because of a statement made by his grandfather in description of his nine grandchildren.

"He was lying in bed at the IU Medical Center and was referring to a picture of his grandchildren. He described them as his 'little soldiers,'" said Leu.

The General has fallen but his dedication to teaching, his motivation to lead, and his love for philanthropy will be an example for generations to come.

Ned H. Stump, who died Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2006, at the age of 67 after a battle with cancer, will never be forgotten.

"The General has fallen; But the soldiers know what to do all due to the training the General gave. The fight will continue, for what is just and good. But the General is no longer fighting for now he rests," continues Leu's poem.

"Dad trained us to be the best people that we can be," said Becky Younce, one of Stump's six children. "He had very high expectations for us."

But Stump's training went beyond his household into the LaGrange and Steuben community, especially the Prairie Heights School Corp. He dedicated 37 years of his life to teaching and retired in 2000.

Stump's dedication as a teacher can be told by the numerous awards he received, including the state Environmental Conservation Education Teacher of the Year Award in 1975, state Environmental Conservation Teacher of the Year Award in 1983, state Vocational Teacher of the Year in 1986, Proven Site Teacher of Teachers Award in 1986 and

the Prairie Heights Teacher of the Year Award in 1997.

Younce, who calls her father "The Mighty Oak" because she knew that she could always run to him for shelter from a storm or to see things more clearly, recalls in a letter written to her father before he died what she learned as a student in his forestry class.

"You taught us the first and most important step of planting a tree was to select the right location," says the letter. "I realize now as I look back that God planted you in the perfect spot. You were not in the forest amongst the trees but planted out in the open. You taught me that when trees are planted close together they grow tall but they don't branch out as much. God didn't intend for you to be the tallest tree, but he did make you into a 'perfect' wolf tree. You branched out in so many directions. You stretched to help everyone and everything around you. You probably never received the accolades for being the 'tallest' tree, but your base broadened and the people that you taught, mentored and disciplined grew and we all knew that we were a part of something special."

Younce said that she also learned from her father's teachings that things are to be done because they make you feel good and not because you want the recognition.

"The other thing that I learned in forestry class was that a tree needs water to grow," said Younce in the letter to her father. "You were not a tree that needed someone coming along 'sprinkling' you with praise to help you grow. You sent your roots deep and drew your water from God's well. Those roots helped establish our whole family and make us strong through many storms..."

Younce ends her letter to her father with words that express Stump's success as an educator.

"Always know that I will remember and try to follow these lessons that you taught me so long ago in your class.



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Ned Stump, a teacher at Prairie Heights School Corp. for 37 years, as well as a motivated leader, philanthropist and an exceptional father and grandfather, died Feb. 28 after a long battle with cancer.

Your branches will always be a part of me and this entire community," says the letter.

"The General has fallen; A daunting task it will be to promote within. What shoes to fill, what a legacy to follow. But the soldiers will fight on, for the common goal even though the General is no longer fighting for now he rests," continues Leu's poem.

Stump's shoes took him through years of teaching at Prairie Heights schools and years of volunteer work in 4-H, at the LaGrange County Community Foundation, Stroh Lions Club, LaGrange County Red Cross, LaGrange County Farm Bureau, and in many, many other organizations as a board member.

John Emerson, educator at the LaGrange County Purdue Extension Office, recalls how Stump was a perfect example of the many things one person can accomplish.

"He was a great teacher and set up great teaching examples for all teachers across the state. he was involved in 4-H for many years and was very involved with the youth and with many other organizations in the area," said Emerson.

And his legacy, Emerson said, is in the young leaders he left behind, all those students that he taught during his 37 years of teaching.

"The General has fallen. A giant of a man, the kind of legend. Blue eyes that always knew more than you. Enormous hands, twisted by years of work that could grip an implement with such force and yet, instill calm," continues Leu's poem.

Those blue eyes allowed him to see the possibilities for community growth that affected family and children, according to LaGrange County Circuit Court Judge J. Scott VanDerbeck.

"He was a visionary that saw possibilities that others didn't," said VanDerbeck, who had the privilege of working with Stump on the committee of the Youth Asset Council, a creation of Stump's.

"The General has fallen; But will always remain in the soldiers. 'His little soldiers' who keep fighting strong. The fight of love, hope and faith. For the General is no longer fighting for now he rests," concludes Leu's poem.

For now Stump will rest, but every summer during the LaGrange County 4-H Fair his spirit will return to the Little Red Barn where he will take a seat at one of the benches he built, enjoy an ice cream cone, look upon his little soldiers with his twinkling blue eyes and lead them to victory.

Karli Bryan

FREMONT — Karli J. Bryan, 18, of Fremont and Angola died. Friday, March 10, 2006, at 3:58 p.m. as the result of injuries sustained in a traffic accident.

Miss Bryan was a recent seven-semester graduate of Fremont High School and would have attended graduation ceremonies in June. She had worked at McDonald's in Fremont since June 2003 and planned to attend Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne in the fall to pursue undergraduate work in marine biology.

She loved shopping, attending concerts and spending time with her friends, family and her love, Walter Fitch. She also enjoyed watching movies and reading books by Nicholas Sparks. She was a Christian.

Miss Bryan was born Oct. 8, 1987, in Fort Wayne to Scott Bryan and Lori (Bryan) Swager. They survive in Fremont and Angola.

She is also survived by two brothers, Mathew Bryan of Fort Wayne and Alex Bryan of Butler; a sister, Emily Bryan, at home; her stepfather, Troy Swager of Angola; two stepsiblings, Elija and Cheyenne Swager; extended family, Bobbi Snyder and her children, Chris, Josh and Jade, all of Butler; five grandparents, Bonnie L. Bryan of Angola, Jerry and Sandi Boren of Naples, Fla., and Terry and Ragna Swager of Angola; a great-grandmother, Geraldine Clark of Auburn; and several aunts, uncles, cousins and close friends.



Miss Bryan

Betty Martin

ASHLEY — Betty Martin, 72, of Ashley and formerly of Allegan, Mich., died Saturday, March 11, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Martin was retired from Hastings Manufacturing in Hastings, Mich. She was a member of Eastern Star of Battle Creek, Mich.

She was born Aug. 15, 1933, in Auburn to Dail W. and Hilda Mae Treesh.

She married John B. Martin in October 1950 in Battle Creek. He died Dec. 22, 1983.

Mrs. Martin is survived by a son, Johnny Martin of Ashley; two sisters, Sharon Rowe of Waterloo and Barbara Haist of Galesburg, Mich.; and two grandchildren, Calan Martin and Cody Martin.

There will be no services or calling. Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements. Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Miss Bryan was preceded in death by her paternal grandfather, Robert C. Bryan Jr., in 1998, and her maternal grandmother, Michele (Cole) Lovell, in 1971.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are to Riley Hospital for Children.

Forrest Resor

SPENCERVILLE — Forrest W. "Porky" Resor, 76, died on the evening of Friday, March 10, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Resor worked as a finish carpenter. He was a

Korean War Army veteran and a member of Spencerville United Methodist Church and the Indianapolis post of the American Legion. He was an avid fisherman, gardener and world champion 'coon hunter.

He was born June 4, 1929, in Van Wert, Ohio, to George W. and Marjie (Spitler) Resor.

He married Helen Eddy in April 1953, and she preceded him in death on July 31, 1975.

He then married Ann Eddy on Dec. 4, 1977, in Spencerville. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Lori and John Devlos of New Milford, Conn.; a stepdaughter, Roxanna Nordbye of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and a brother and sister-in-law, Frank and Judy Dwyer of Spencerville.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Brent Resor, who died April 22, 1991.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Spencerville United Methodist Church. Military graveside services will be at White City Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville and one hour prior to services Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to the Spencerville United Methodist

Church, P.O. Box 100, Spencerville, IN 46788; or Cancer Services of Allen County, 2925 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

Cecilia Van Meter

FORT WAYNE — Cecilia L. Van Meter, 90, of Fort Wayne died at Hospice Home of Fort Wayne.

She was a housekeeper for Golden Years Nursing Home at Fort Wayne for 15 years, retiring in 2000. She was a member of Carroll Road Christian Church in Fort Wayne.



Mrs. Van Meter

She was born April 3, 1915, in Leo-Cedarville. Her parents, Otto and Rosa (Arnold) Gehrig, preceded her in death.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Frank R. Lovett, in 1967, and her second husband, Archie Van Meter.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Ray A. and Waunett Lovett of Fort Wayne, David H. and Grace Lovett of Leo and Daniel L. Lovett of Butler; a daughter, Diana R. Williams of Fort Wayne; two stepsons and their wives, Ron and Evelyn Van Meter of Fort Wayne and Darrol and Kay Van Meter of Ossian; a niece and her husband, Willodean K. and Dennis Mason of Butler; a nephew, Jerry J. Smith of Leo; nine grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and nine step great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a stepdaughter, Jacqueline Hartley; two sisters; a brother; and stepbrothers and stepsisters.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Carroll Road Christian Church, 4704 W. Carroll Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Leo Cemetery.

Howard Thimlar

AUBURN — Howard R. "Hod" Thimlar, 90, of Auburn died Sunday, March 12, 2006, in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Mr. Thimlar was an auto salesman for different area dealers and operated his own dealership for a period of time.

He was a U.S. Air Force captain, serving as a bomber pilot in World War II and the Korean conflict.

He was born April 25, 1915, in Harlan to Walter and Lura (Fry) Thimlar.

On Oct. 20, 1937, in Garrett, he married Joyce Frazier. She died Nov. 19, 1985.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Elizabeth Thimlar of Plaster Rock, New Brunswick, Canada; a daughter, Christine Galligher of Auburn; four grandchildren and their spouses, Sondra and Tim Creasy, Jeff and Kim Yeomans, Patty and Kirby Schencks and John and Jessie Thimlar; five great-grandchildren, Zach Eagles, Jordon Griffin, Emma and Heather Creasy, and Genevieve Thimlar; and two sisters, Harriet Stebing and Sally Engle.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Thimlar; and a granddaughter, Jenny Galligher.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Tuesday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to charities of the donor's choice.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Thursday from 1-2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Carroll Road Christian Church.

Julia Bolen

WATERLOO — Julia Joan Bolen, 74, of Waterloo died Sunday, March 12, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Bolen was a homemaker and a member of Waterloo Freewill Baptist Church.

She was born Oct. 13, 1931, in Auburn to Bernard D. and Nancy (Drew) Stuller. Her father preceded her in death. Her mother survives in Auburn.

She married Harlen Bolen on June 15, 1946, in Auburn. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, John Michael and Kathy Bolen of Strong and James Edward and Lori Bolen of Waterloo; three daughters and sons-in-law, Christine and Jim Goodman of Waterloo, Sandy and Neil Applegate of Waterloo and Janet and Rick Winkles of Gosport; one brother and sister-in-law, Steve and Theresa Stuller of Bluffton; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Becky and Don Lanning of Portland, Ore., and Rosemary and Dave Briggs of Butler; 16 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

A brother, Bill Stuller, preceded her in death.

Services will be Tuesday at 3 p.m. in Waterloo Freewill Baptist Church with the Rev.

Ron Stambaugh officiating. Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery in rural Waterloo.

Calling will be Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the church.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to the church.

Bessie Dunn

WATERLOO — Bessie M. Dunn, 91, of Waterloo died Sunday, March 12, 2006, at Covington Commons Assisted Living Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Dunn served as librarian of the Waterloo Grant Township Public Library for 35 years, retiring in 1992.

She was a former superintendent of the children's primary department at the Waterloo United Methodist Church, serving in that position for 40 years. She was a member and president of the Progressive Literary Club and a member and past officer of the DeKalb County Homemakers Club.

She was a loving mother and grandmother.

She was born in January 1915 in LaOtto to Bert and Myrtle (McDaniel) Leach.

She married Raymond Dunn on Aug. 17, 1932. He preceded her in death on April 15, 1993.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Arlene Georgiadis and Carolyn and Lyle Miller, all of Fort Wayne; a brother, James Leach of Conroe, Texas; a sister, Gloria Johnson of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren, Mike Klink of Auburn, Kris Miller of Houston, Texas, Brenda Cropper of Fishers, Kelli Barr of Albion and Margaret DeRosa of Fort Wayne; and her great-grandchildren, Kristen, Kendra, Jessica and Simon Klink, Abby Cropper, Allison Mehringer, Katherine DeRosa, Joseph DeRosa, Brian, Devine and Kiarra Barr and Payton Miller.

She was preceded in death by two grandsons, Zachery Klink and Brian Miller; and a son-in-law, Michael Georgiadis.

Services will be Friday at 11:30 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Lynne Duke and the Rev. Rex Charles officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Friday from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

William Graham

AUBURN — William T. Graham, 96, of Auburn died Saturday, March 11, 2006, at Wesley Health Care Center in Auburn.

Born in Levi, N.M., he was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army Air Force, stationed in Greenland from 1941 to 1945.

He was a chemist at Bauman-Harnish Rubber for 10 years, retiring in 1971.

Mr. Graham was a "rock hound" and especially enjoyed his Lake Superior agates. He was a member of the Indian Village Church of God.

Surviving are a niece, Marsha Banicki-Graham of Fort Wayne; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Dorothy J. Graham of Auburn and Ruth E. and Ray Bowman of North Manchester; two brothers, Robert H. Graham of Auburn and Kenneth E. Graham of Butler; a brother-in-law, Peter G. Potts of Corunna; and many other nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred E. Graham; his parents, William L. and Vesta Graham; a sister, Helen Potts; and three brothers, James, John and Richard Graham.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Indian Village Church of God, 602 Erie Pass, Auburn, with the Rev. Lloyd Harlan officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Indian Village Church of God.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the Waterloo United Methodist Church Children's Department or the Waterloo Grant Township Public Library Children's Department.

Pamla 'Penny' Richmond

BUTLER — Pamla M. "Penny" Richmond, 64, of Butler died Monday, March 13, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Richmond was a homemaker and enjoyed making candles.

She was born Oct. 26, 1941, in Youngstown,

Ohio, to Alex and Florence (Middleton) Treharn.

She married Claude "Al" Richmond on June 11, 1960, in Niles, Ohio. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Fredrick and Vicki Richmond of Butler; two daughters, Christi "Sam" Butler of Pleasant Lake and Kandie Richmond and her fiancé, Andy Dellinger, of Butler; a brother, George Treharn of Warren, Ohio; and 11 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Alex Treharn.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson and Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler. Pastor Daniel Eckart will officiate.

Calling will be Thursday from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Condolences may be left online at www.hejohnsonfh.com.



Mrs. Richmond

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is being
rerun with additional information.

Cecilia Van Meter

FORT WAYNE — Cecilia L. Van Meter, 90, of Fort Wayne died Friday, March 10, 2006, at Hospice Home of Fort Wayne.



Mrs. Van Meter

She was a housekeeper for Golden Years Nursing

Home at Fort Wayne for 15 years, retiring in 2000. She was a member of Carroll Road Christian Church in Fort Wayne.

She was born April 3, 1915, in Leo-Cedarville. Her parents, Otto and Rosa (Arnold) Gehrig, preceded her in death.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Frank R. Lovett, in 1967, and her second husband, Archie Van Meter.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Ray A. and Waunett Lovett of Fort Wayne, David H. and Grace Lovett of Leo and Daniel L. Lovett of Butler; a daughter, Diana R. Williams of Fort Wayne; two stepsons and their wives, Ron and Evelyn Van Meter of Fort Wayne and Darrol and Kay Van Meter of Ossian; a niece and her husband, Willodean K. and Dennis Mason of Butler; a nephew, Jerry J. Smith of Leo; nine grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and nine step great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a stepdaughter, Jacqueline Hartley; two stepsisters; and a stepbrother.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Carroll Road Christian Church, 4704 W. Carroll Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Leo Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Thursday from 1-2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Carroll Road Christian Church.

Martha Picklesimer

AUSTIN — Martha Ann Picklesimer, 67, of Austin died Monday, March 13, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Picklesimer had been a maintenance worker and custodian for the Garrett Community Hospital and Garrett Clinic. She was a former employee of the old Lowe's Wallpaper Store in Scottsburg and was a foster parent through her church for the state of Indiana.

She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and a member of Order of Eastern Star Chapter 107 in Scott County.

She was born Feb. 14, 1939, in Hindman, Ky., to Stewart Byrd and Edna (Slone) Pratt. They preceded her in death.

She married William Clay Picklesimer on July 17, 1984, and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Douglas Potter of Kaplan, La., and Keith Potter of Garrett; a daughter, Jennifer Davis of

Oklahoma City, Okla.; a stepson, William Michael Picklesimer of Franklin; a stepdaughter, Deborah Louise Houchen of Franklin; three sisters, Erma Dean Slone of Somerset, Ky., Sara Wehmiller of Garrett and Letty Pratt of Hindman; four brothers, Orville Pratt of Hazard, Ky., Stewart Pratt Jr. and Ruby Pratt, both of Hindman, and Frank Pratt of Lansing, Mich.; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Collins Funeral Home, 465 W. McClain Ave., Scottsburg, with Bishop Tim Stevens officiating. Burial will be in New Providence Cemetery at Austin.

Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. and Thursday after 9 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints to benefit the foster care program.

John Hogan

FORT WAYNE — John E. Hogan Jr., 77, of Fort Wayne died Monday, March 13, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hogan was a trust officer for Lincoln National Bank for more than 20 years and completed his career in charitable private foundation work with the Olive B. Cole Foundation and M.E. Raker Foundations.

He served as past president and a board member for Goodwill Industries and on the advisory board of the Salvation Army.

Mr. Hogan was a member of the board of directors of the Caylor Nickel Hospital, Fox Island Alliance and the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo.

He was a member of the Nature Conservancy, YMCA and Orchard Ridge Country Club.

Mr. Hogan was a lieutenant junior grade with the U.S. Coast Guard.

He enjoyed golf and sailing.

Surviving are his children, John T. Hogan of Fort Wayne; and two daughters, Andrea Ty Whiting Ratajczak of Fort Wayne and Cynthia Whiting of San Rafael, Calif.;

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with Pastor Adam Henderson officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Turnstone of Fort Wayne.

Carol Hill

GARRETT — Carol Lynn Hill, 52, of Garrett died Tuesday, March 14, 2006, at 9:43 p.m. at her home.

Mrs. Hill worked as a shipping clerk at Courier in Kendallville for 19 years. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett and had been a

**Mrs. Hill**

Garrett resident for 34 years.

She was born Sept. 24, 1953, in Fort Wayne to Donald Wunderlin Sr. and Annamae (Flynn) Wunderlin. They preceded her in death.

She married Steven R. Hill Sr. on Oct. 23, 1971, at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Fort Wayne. He survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Steven Hill Jr. and Michelle Hill of Auburn and Chris Hill of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Sara Hill of Upper Marlboro, Md.; two granddaughters, Hannah Klein of Upper Marlboro and Erica Ross of Auburn; six sisters and five brothers-in-law, Patricia and Jim Stilwell of New

Haven, Dolores and Michael Harper of Colorado, Barbara and Richard Schneider, Jean Mackin and Mary and Robert Brown, all of Fort Wayne, and RoseAnn and Byron Schutt of Auburn; a sister-in-law, Vonnice Wunderlin of Aurora, Colo.; her stepmother, Helen Wunderlin of Auburn; three stepsisters, Patty Aalders and her husband, Ralph, of Auburn, Nancy Deardorf of Auburn and Jeri Farver and her husband, Robert Farver Jr., of Ashley; and a stepbrother, James Thomas of Columbus, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Donald Wunderlin Jr.

Services will be Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avilla, with Father Dan Leeuw of Provena Sacred Heart Home officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and Saturday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Allen County Cancer Services or Parkview Hospice.

Louise Osbun

AUBURN — Louise Osbun, 60, of Auburn died Thursday, March 16, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Osbun was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ in Altona. She loved bingo, bluegrass music, the dog Midnight and especially her family.



Mrs. Osbun

She was born Aug. 16, 1945, in Martin, Ky., to Johnnie E. Mann Sr. and Betty (Manuel) Mann. They preceded her in death.

She married Ronald J. Osbun on Oct. 21, 1978, in Auburn. He survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Catherine and Jorge Schmidt of Jacksonville, Fla., Marlene Truelove of Garrett and Michelle and Glen Humbarger of Auburn; two sons and daughters-in-law, James and Jackie Williams of Kingsland, Ga., and Rodney and Deb Osbun of Auburn; her grandchildren, Jimmy McDaniel, Chelsea McDaniel, Anthony, Brandon and Kayla Williams; Dillin White, Haley White, Johnathan White, Jasmine Truelove, Cheyenne Truelove, Dustin, Rodney Osbun Jr., Felicia Borst, McKenzie Osbun and Brittany and Ashley Humbarger; her brothers and sisters, Blanche Hilsmier of Garrett, Betty J. Woods of Auburn, Charlie Mann of Pleasant Lake, Thomas Mann of Albion, Johnnie Mann of Auburn, Jessie Mann of Corpus Christi, Texas, and Ross Mann of Tennessee.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, Johnny E. Mann Jr., Floyd Mann, Estill Mann and Billy Ray Mann; two sisters, Mary Rodman and Lucille Mann; and one grandchild, Tamara Rochelle Hall.

Services will be Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Joe Freeman, the Rev. Thomas Mann and Pastor Janet Strickland will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Iris Bruggencate

AUBURN — Iris W. (Wilmont) Bruggencate, 85, of Auburn died Wednesday, March 15, 2006, at Wesley Health Care Center in Auburn.

Born in St. Joe, she was a billing clerk at Cameron Hospital in Angola until her retirement.

She graduated from St. Joe High School in 1938 and from International Business College in 1962 when she was 40.

She enjoyed crosswords, puzzles, knitting, crocheting and playing the organ.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Nancy Stairhime of Auburn; two grandchildren, Scott Stairhime and his wife, Brooke, of Waterloo, and Darrin Kirk and his wife, Angela, of Middletown; four great-grandchildren, Gunnar Stairhime and Garret Stairhime, both of Waterloo, and Trenton "Moose" Kirk and Macy Kirk, both of Middletown; a sister, Leora Light of Hamilton; two special nieces, Sharon Coe and her husband, Bob, and Jean Buchs and her husband, Lee, all of Hamilton; and numerous nieces, nephews, and great-grandnieces and great-grandnephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George L.; her parents, George G. and Opeal (Poper) Wilmont; three brothers, Keith, Harold and Carleton Wilmont; and a niece, Crystal Howard.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens at Fort Wayne.

Calling will be today from 6-8 p.m. and Saturday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Southern Care Hospice.

Bernita Moore

AUBURN — Bernita “Bernie” Moore, 91, of Auburn and formerly of Kalamazoo, Mich., died Thursday, March 16, 2006, after a short stay in Provena Sacred Heart Nursing Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Moore worked as a hair stylist for many years and had many loyal and devoted customers. She volunteered her time and talents to many charitable organizations and made her family the focus of her life.

She was a longtime member of St. Augustine and St. Monica parishes and a member and past president of the Catholic Daughters of America. She was active in the Workers of Mary and also served as a eucharistic minister. In 2002, she moved to Auburn to be close to her daughter, Julie Finn.

She was born June 3, 1914, in Lakeville, Minn., the second of nine children of Leo and Mary (Barnes) Ryan. She grew up on the family farm, then moved to Kalamazoo at the age of 21.

On May 30, 1942, she married John “Joe” Moore. He died in 1990.

Surviving are her daughter and son-in-law, Julie and Joe Finn of Auburn; three sons and daughters-in-law, Tom and Laura Leigh Moore of Dallas, Texas, Dick and Sandy Moore of Troy, Mich., and Bob and Cindy Moore of Glen Ellyn, Ill.; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and more than 100 nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by eight brothers and sisters, Dorance, Joe, William, Blanch, Donna, Mary Ann, Robert and Mark.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in St. Monica Catholic Church. Entombment will follow at Mount Ever-Rest Memorial Park.

Calling will be Sunday from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Life Story Funeral Home, Betzler-Kalamazoo, 6080 Stadium Drive, Kalamazoo, Mich. A prayer service will begin at 6 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home.

Her personal Web page is at www.lifestorynet.com, where visitors can read her life story, archive a favorite memory, order flowers or make a memorial contribution to the American Cancer Society.

Mary Clouse

KENDALLVILLE — Mary Jane (Hisey) Clouse, 72, of Kendallville died Thursday, March 17, 2006, at her home. Mrs. Clouse had moved to

the Kendallville area 36 years ago from Florida.

She had been employed at Epic, formerly Handy & Harmon, in Kendallville.

Mrs. Clouse was a graduate of Rome City High School.

She was born Oct. 22, 1933, in Brimfield to Kenneth and Anna (Hofferman) Hisey.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Donald and Phyllis Clouse of Avilla; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Diana Lynn Walker and Deborah and Terry Mobley, all of Kendallville, and Donna and Wade Brinkman of Rome City; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Don and Wanita Hisey of Auburn, Jim Hisey of Brimfield and Terry and Brenda Hisey of Fort Wayne; 14 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, David Lee Clouse; and two sisters, Beverly Corder and Patricia Dixon.

Gravesides services will be at noon Saturday at Orange Cemetery at Rome City.

Pallbearers will be Jason Brinkman, Justin Brinkman, Chad Walker, Dustin Mobley, John Dixon and Carl Baermann.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Society.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, (formerly Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home) is in charge of services.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfuneral-home@hotmail.com.

Franklin Jacob

ALBION — Franklin Robert Jacob, 86, of Albion died Saturday, March 18, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville following a two-year battle with pancreatic cancer.

Mr. Jacob had lived in Noble County since 1920.

He was a retired farmer and salesman for Pioneer Seeds.

Mr. Jacob enlisted in the U.S. Army during World War II and served from 1941 to 1945 in Gen. George Patton's 3rd Army. He received four Bronze Stars and a Defensive Service Medal.

He was a member of Rehoboth Missionary Community Church and Albion American Legion Post 246.

He was born Sept. 28, 1919, in Van Wert, Ohio, to Frank and Alma (Weller) Jacob. He married Dolores Valere Olinghouse on Aug. 12, 1945, at Ligonier Presbyterian Church. She survives.

Also surviving are two son and daughters-in-law, Steven Franklin and Cinda Jacob of Syracuse and Stanley Roy and Nancy Jacob of Albion; two sisters, Ilene Young of Kendallville and Leona Schwalbe of Bloomington, Ill.; five grandchildren and their spouses, Rachel Myers, Janet and Scott Rashley, Rebecca and Mark Schroeder, Michael and Cara Jacob and Jeffrey and Melanie Jacob; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Wauneta Reed; a brother, D. Elon Jacob; and daughter-in-law, Phyllis (Loving) Jacob.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Rehoboth Missionary Community Church, rural Albion, with the Rev. Gerald Ringenberg officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion with graveside services by Albion American Legion Post 246.

Orville Coburn

ST. JOE — Orville R. "Babe" Coburn, 89, of St. Joe died Saturday, March 18, 2006, at The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

He retired in 1996 from Canterbury Green apartment complex in Fort Wayne, where he was

a repairman. He was the co-owner of Witt's TV Appliance store in Grabill.

Mr. Coburn was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Navy. He was a member of the Church of Christ in St. Joe and Jack Brinker Post 409 of the American Legion at Leo.

He was born April 16, 1916, in Newville to Earl L. and Jessie (Freeburn) Coburn.

On Sept. 21, 1938, in Harlan, he married Esther L. (Richards) Coburn. She survives.



Mr. Coburn

Also surviving are two daughters and one son-in-law, Susie and Lynn Witt of Grabill and Kay L. Zeisloft of Auburn; five grandchildren and their spouses, Tami and Pete Smith, Jennie and Tom Boese, Jeff and Brigitte Witt, Jeremy Zeisloft and Sarah and Chadd Kelley; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Robert B. "Mutt" Coburn, Victor G. "John" Coburn and Wilbur C. "Ching" Coburn; two sisters, Agatha "Gay" Wasson and Viola R. Dressel; a son-in-law, Bradd C. Zeisloft; and a grandchild, Michael L. Witt.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center

St., Auburn. The Rev. Al Black will officiate. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe, with a graveside service by Leo American Legion Post 409.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. Tuesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to Rehoboth Missionary Community Church or the Albion Fire Department First Responder Program.

Dwight Hall

AUBURN — Dwight E. Hall, 61, of Auburn died Saturday, March 18, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hall worked for 32 years as a millwright at Auburn Foundry, retiring in 2003. He served in the



Mr. Hall

U.S. Army from 1965 to 1967 in Vietnam. He was a member of New Hope Christian Center.

He was born Dec. 29, 1944, in Paris, Ky., to Homer and Esther (Shell) Hall. His father survives in Greensburg, S.C. His mother and stepfather, Paul Lautzenhiser, preceded him in death.

He married Lois K. Perry on Sept. 21, 1979, in Campton, Ky. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Dwight E. Hall II of Auburn; a daughter, Shela Ridenour of Angola; six sisters, Florence Bivens and Laura Pavao, both of Florida, Lois Westfall of Michigan, Mary DeGraw of Waterloo, Ruth Alison of Mississippi and Sarah Hawk of Fort Wayne; four brothers, David Lautzenhiser of Virginia, Sam Lautzenhiser of Avilla and John and Tom Lautzenhiser, both of Huntington; his brothers and sisters on the Hall side of the family, Pauline, Goldie, Opal, Susie, Waneta, Alouse, Elyvan, Emma Jean, Goble and Donnie; six grandchildren, Amber, Ashley and Jacob Ridenour and Aaron, Tianna and Austin Hall; and two great-grandchildren, Braiden Faye Storjohann and Peyton Harli Storjohann.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Paul Homer Hall; two sisters, Pat Volkert and Sue Miller; and a brother, Arther Lautzenhiser.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in New Hope Christian Center, 900 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Ralph Diehl will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the family.

Dortha Ramsey

CHURUBUSCO — Dortha E. Ramsey, 84, of Churubusco died Monday, March 20, 2006, at 5:10 a.m. at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne. She had been in declining health for some time and had been seriously ill since January.

Mrs. Ramsey was employed at General Electric in Fort Wayne for 42 years, retiring as a machine operator in 1984.

She was a member of the General Electric Elex Club, the Gilbert Davis American Legion Post 157 Auxiliary in Churubusco and the Churubusco Veterans of Foreign Wars Turtle Post 3846 Auxiliary. She graduated from Hometown High School in 1939. She enjoyed bowling, playing bingo and going to casinos. She was a lifelong Churubusco-area resident.

She was born Jan. 3, 1922, in Swan Township in Noble County to Frank and Bessie (Addis) Christlieb. They preceded her in death.

She married Orval A. Ramsey on May 8, 1945. He died June 29, 1994.

Surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, Paul A. and Sharon Christlieb of Churubusco; four sisters-in-law, Lucy Marie Christlieb of Garrett, Frances Lithium and her husband, Edward, of Garrett, Wanda Chapman of Snow Lake and Hulda Thornburg of Arizona; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Evelyn Youquelet; and three brothers, Milton W. Christlieb, Roscoe "Frank" Christlieb and Richard Christlieb.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. E. Vaughn Powell, pastor emeritus of Churubusco United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Keith Combs

GARRETT — Keith A. Combs, 34, of Garrett was found dead in his home on Friday, March 17, 2006.

Mr. Combs had been employed at Phoenix Mechanical in Garrett and had been an electrician in Fort Wayne.

He had lived in the area 14 years.

Mr. Combs was active in football and wrestling at East Noble High School. He enjoyed fishing and gardening and had played league softball in Fort Wayne.

His children were the focus and highlight of his life and he had been proud to

be a member of the family delegation when his uncle, Fred Zollner, was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame.

Mr. Combs attended Broadway Christian Church in Fort Wayne.

He was born May 4, 1971, in Kendallville to Silas R. and Kaye (Jarrett) Combs. His father is deceased and his mother and stepfather, Kaye and Pastor Robert Fisher, survive in Fort Wayne.



Mr. Combs

Also surviving are a daughter, Courtney Bobay of St. Joe; a son, Lucas A. Bobay of St. Joe; his maternal grandmother, Norma Lovely of Kendallville; a sister and brother-in-law, Melinda and Chad Wallen of Fort Wayne; a niece, Cayla Collins; two nephews, Ian Wallen and Cyle Ray Wallen; and several nephews and nieces.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Young Family Funeral Home, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, (formerly Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home) with Pastor Ken Sistrunk officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to his children.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfuneral-home@hotmail.com.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Thursday from noon-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

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Auburn, Indiana

Frederick Petre

WATERLOO — Frederick D. Petre, 75, of Waterloo died Tuesday, March 21, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Petre worked in the shipping and receiving department at Universal Tool and Stamping in Butler for 17 years, retiring in 1990.



Mr. Petre

He was a member of New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo and the Bass Masters Fishing Club, and he played the drums in the Don Warstler Country Boys Band for several years.

He was born July 25, 1929, in Hamilton to John Frederick and Elsie (Rogers) Petre. They preceded him in death.

He married Mary Cook on Sept. 23, 1950, in Angola, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Charles and Sandra Petre of Waterloo, John and Carole Petre of Auburn and Frederick Petre Jr. of Waterloo; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Beverly and Patrick Blanton of Ashley, Barbara Sanders of Auburn and Beth and Tom Jensen of Ashley; three brothers, Andrew Petre of Albion, Gary Petre of Waterloo and Roger Petre of Butler; three sisters, Ellen Mae Brigle of Longwood, Fla., Juanetta Cook of Montpelier, Ohio, and Mary Aschelman of Auburn; 19 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Terry Petre; and a brother, Richard Petre.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to New Hope Christian Center of Waterloo.

Morris Perkins

GARRETT — Morris Edward Perkins, 71, of Garrett died at 10:25 p.m. Monday, March 20, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

He had been a resident of Provena Sacred Heart Home since January 2001 and had lived in Garrett for the previous 45 years.

Mr. Perkins was a truck driver for 15 years and a U.S. Army veteran.

He was born Dec. 21, 1934, in Ashley to Clarence and Leora (Landis) Perkins. They preceded him in death.

On June 3, 1955, in Taylor, S.C., he married Mary M. Pittman. She died Nov. 9, 2002.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Kay and Larry Lafavor of Avilla and April Perkins of Auburn; four grandchildren, Michelle Buhro and her husband, Brad, of Middletown, Mandy Davis and her husband, Corey, of St. Anne, Ill., Misty Parker and her husband, Bill, of Rome City and Mark Lafavor of Bourbonnais, Ill.; 10 great-grandchildren; a brother, Arnold Perkins of Wolcottville; and two sisters, Marilyn Hulen of Kendallville and Annabelle Conrad of Port Richey, Fla.

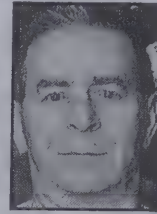
He also was preceded in death by his father-in-law, Carl Pittman; and mother-in-law, Elsie Pittman.

Graveside services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett. Tom Novy will officiate. Garrett American Legion Post 178 will conduct a military graveside service.

Calling will be Thursday from 4-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skynet.net.



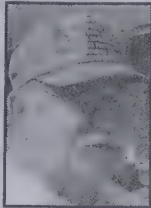
Mr. Perkins

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is being
reprinted to list additional relatives.

Gary Marks

WOLCOTTVILLE — Gary Lee Marks, 51, of Wolcottville died at 4:53 a.m. Monday, March 20, 2006, in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Marks had been self-employed in the construction and roofing industry.



Mr. Marks

He was a lifetime area resident and a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

He was a member of Rome City American Legion Post 381.

Mr. Marks was born May 12, 1954, in Kalamazoo, Mich., to Harry and Dorothy (Walburn) Marks. His father is deceased and his mother survives in Wolcottville.

He married Lesley (Carnahan) Lilly on May 3, 2003, in Hamilton. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Shawn Marks of Phoenix, Ariz.; three stepsons and their wives, Richard Lilly of Auburn, and Jack and Shannon Lilly and Mike and Lisa Lilly, all of Butler; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Harry and Jan Marks of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Jack and Debbie Marks of Sterling, Ohio; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Alice and Chuck Siebert of Reno, Nev., and Susan and Michael Donlan of South Bend; two grandchildren, Greg Marks and Schawna Marks, both of South Bend; and five stepgrandchildren, Shawnda Lawrence, Jestene Lilly, Jayden Lilly, Alissa Egly and Derek Lilly.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Bobby Marks.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today at Young Family Funeral Home, S.R. 9, Wolcottville, (formerly Hutchins Funeral Home), with Pastor Sam Weimer of Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley officiating.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfuneral-home@hotmail.com.

Verna Mendenhall

AUBURN — Verna B. Mendenhall, 92, died Wednesday, March 22, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She owned and operated the Bonton Beauty Salon for more than 55 years, retiring in 1987.



Mrs. Mendenhall

She was a member and former deacon of Auburn Presbyterian Church, a member of Ashley Eastern Star 229 and Spencerville Eastern Star 386, an associate member of Entre Nous Club, a 1933 graduate of Andrews High School, an Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum volunteer and member of the ACD Women's Committee and a former member of the DeKalb Memorial Hospital board.

She was born Dec. 18, 1913, in Huntington County to William F. and Emma E. (Schenkel) Bickel.

Her husband, Robert D. Mendenhall, died in 1955.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Ann and Harry Parkhurst of Palm Desert, Calif.; a brother, Dean Bickel of Andrews; a granddaughter, Maura Parkhurst of Seattle, Wash.; four nieces and their husbands, Sharon and Joe Stephen, Patricia and Bill Welch, Sharleen and Jim Sweeney and Kathleen Nichols; two nephews and their wives, Steven and Ramonda Bickel and Rodney and Karen Bickel; and one niece-in-law, Donna Bickel.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a granddaughter, Laura Parkhurst; a brother, John Lewis Bickel; and a nephew, Larry Bickel.

Jean Robison

FORT WAYNE — Jean Kathleen Hatfield Robison, 67, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, March 22, 2006, at Canterbury Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

She was retired from teaching at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School.

Surviving are her husband, Gary A. Robison; four daughters and their husbands, Kathleen K. and Terry Davis of Largo, Fla., Carolyn R. and Ricky Shull of Auburn, Karen M. and James Holst of LaGrange and Amy L. and Eric Heminger of Hometown; nine grandchildren; a sister and her husband, Doris and Harry Philpot of Paulding, Ohio; and two brothers and their spouses, Dennis and Jeanette Hatfield and Bernard and Ursula Hatfield, both of Fort Wayne.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Paul and Nellie Hatfield; and a brother, Herbert Hatfield.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 4916 Trier Road, with burial at Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, with a rosary service at 3:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana or St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Auburn Presbyterian Church. The Rev. William Haworth will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. A combined Eastern Star service will begin Friday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

David DePew

KENDALLVILLE — David S. DePew, 67, of Kendallville died at 5:12 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, 2006, at his home.

Mr. DePew had lived in

Kendallville the past 18 years.

He had been a custodian at Trinity Church United Methodist and at KPC Media Group in Kendallville.

He was a graduate of Garrett High School.

Mr. DePew was an accomplished artist and woodcarver. He enjoyed composing music.

He was born May 26, 1938, in Garrett to Ralph and Helen (Hawk) DePew.

Surviving are two sisters and a brother-in-law, Phyllis Balzer of Kendallville and Ruth and Arnold Berryhill of Avilla; several nieces and nephews; and two special friends, Patsy Wines and Aileen Napier, both of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Mary Bell Fee.

Graveside services will be at noon Friday at Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker of Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion officiating.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Young Family Funeral Home, formerly Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfuneral-home@hotmail.com.

Mary Wells

GARRETT — Mary Geraldine "Gerry" Wells, 90, died Tuesday, March 21, 2006, at her daughter's home in Garrett as a result of pneumonia.

Mrs. Wells was a lifeguard at Klinger's Beach near Paulding, Ohio, for several summers and worked at Moore's Clothing Store in Paulding for several years.

She was born April 9, 1915, in Bowling Green, Ohio, to Clark H. and Carrie (Carson) Landis. They preceded her in death.

She married Gaylord E. Wells in Bowling Green on May 24, 1936. During their marriage, they lived in Toledo, Van Wert, Paulding and Defiance, Ohio.

After moving to Defiance, they managed Rosewood Manor Apartments. Mr. Wells died of lung cancer on Dec. 14, 1983. Mrs. Wells moved to Leipsic Retirement Village in 2001.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Gene L. and Diana Wells of Bolivia, N.C.; a daughter and son-in-law, Marilyn S. and Charles Atkison of Garrett; two grandchildren, David D. Atkison of Butler and Deborah J. Jenkins and her husband, Rick, of Kendallville; and four great-grandchildren, Stephen R. Knott, Kathleen N. Knott, Christina L. Knott and Bryanna Y. Jenkins.

A memorial service will take place at a later date.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, is handling arrangements.

Condolences may sent to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

James Bortner

ALBION — James Michael Bortner, 59, of Albion died at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 23, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Bortner had been employed at McCray Refrigeration in Kendallville, Leatherman Brothers Construction, Black's car dealership, Central Noble School Corp. and Albion American Legion Post 246.

He has served in the U.S. Army from 1965 to 1967 with one tour of duty in Vietnam from November 1966 to September 1967. He had received a National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Vietnam Service Medal.

Mr. Bortner was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion.

He was also an active member of American Legion Post 246, where he had served as Past Commander and held several other offices, and had been the District Commander of the American Legion from 1990 to 1991. He was a member of the 40 & 8, the VFW, a life member of the Vietnam Veterans Association, Academy of Model Aeronautics, and a former member of the Albion Fire Department.

Mr. Bortner was involved in the marching lieutenants of the American Legion. Prior to his military service he had been involved in auto racing at the Avilla Motor Speedway. He had enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, snowmobiling, building and flying small-engine aircraft and was well known for his woodworking.

He was born May 24, 1946, in Kendallville to Max and Virginia (Getts) Bortner. His father is deceased and his mother survives in Albion.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer Diann and Kent Shultz; three brothers, Jack Bortner and John Bortner, both of Auburn, and Jerry Bortner of Virginia; a special friend, Ilene Middleton of Albion; and several nephews and nieces.

He was also preceded in death by a nephew.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker of Trinity United Methodist officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion with military services by Albion American Legion Post 246.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion or Albion American Legion Post 246.

Charles Potts-Wilder

EL PASO, Texas — Charles Robert Potts-Wilder, 7 months old, died Tuesday, March 21, 2006, at 2:10 p.m. local time at Las Palmas Hospital in El Paso, Texas.

He was born Aug. 10, 2005, in El Paso, to Jonathan and Stormy Wilder. They survive.



Charles
Potts-Wilder

Also surviving are his grandparents, Robert and Linda Wilder of St. Joe; his grandmother, Elizabeth Potts of El Paso; his great-grandmother, Garnet Doub of Butler; aunts and uncles, Matthew Wilder of St. Joe, Charles Potts of El Paso and Larry and Tanja Ballance of Rock Springs, Wyo.; and great-aunts and great-uncles, William, Evelyn, Donald, Patsy, Martha, Howard, Ron, Dan, Charles, Tom, Heidi, Lore, David, Terry and Cy.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Charles R. Potts Jr.; and a cousin, Frank Raymond Potts.

A celebration of life service will be Saturday at 4 p.m. Indiana time at the Vineyard Crossroads Church, 9109 Dyer St., El Paso, Texas.

Sunset Funeral Homes-Northeast is in charge of arrangements.

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Verna Mendenhall

AUBURN — Verna B. Mendenhall, 92, died Wednesday, March 22, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She owned and operated the Bonton Beauty Salon for more than 55 years, retiring in 1987.

**Mrs. Mendenhall**

She was a member and former deacon of Auburn Presbyterian Church, a member of Ashley Eastern Star 229 and Spencerville Eastern Star 386, an associate member of Entre Nous Club, a 1933 graduate of Andrews High School, an Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum volunteer and member of the ACD Women's Committee and a former member of the DeKalb Memorial Hospital board.

She was born Dec. 18, 1913, in Huntington County to William F. and Emma E. (Schenkel) Bickel.

Her husband, Robert D. Mendenhall, died in 1995.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Ann and Harry Parkhurst of Palm Desert, Calif.; a brother, Dean Bickel

of Andrews; a granddaughter, Maura Parkhurst of Seattle; four nieces and their husbands, Sharon and Joe Stephen, Patricia and Bill Welch, Sharleen and Jim Sweeney and Kathleen Nichols; two nephews and their wives, Steven and Ramonda Bickel and Rodney and Karen Bickel; and one niece-in-law, Donna Bickel.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a granddaughter, Laura Parkhurst; a brother, John Lewis Bickel; and a nephew, Larry Bickel.

Ernest Barrett

SEAMAN, Ohio — Ernest L. Barrett, 64, of Seaman and formerly of Garrett, Ind., died Monday, March 6, 2006, at Anderson Mercy Hospital in Cincinnati.

He was the current minister of the Seaman Church of Christ.

Mr. Barrett was born July 10, 1941, in Bloomington, Ill., to Linus and Laura (Barnes) Barrett.

Surviving are his wife Pat (Beck) Barrett; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Ed and Teresa Barrett of Etna Green, Ind., Mark and Melissa Barrett of Ft. Madison, Iowa, and Jeff Barrett of Sevierville, Tenn.; a daughter and son-in-law, Krisiti and Anthony Maynard of McDermott, Ohio; a brother, Eugene Barrett of Columbia City, Ind.; two sisters, Karla Beauchamp of Tennessee and Lela Fretz of Florida; and eight grandchildren.

Services were March 9 at the Lewis-Sullivan Funeral Home in Seaman. Burial was in Mt. Leigh Cemetery.

Memorial are to the family, P.O. Box 68, Seaman, Ohio 45679.

Condolences may be sent online at www.thompsonfuneralhomes.com.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Auburn Presbyterian Church. The Rev. William Haworth will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. A combined Eastern Star service will begin today at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Doris Sanders

WATERLOO — Doris J. Sanders, 80, of Waterloo died Thursday, March 23, 2006, at her home.

She was a cook at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn for six years and a receptionist-phone operator at Wal-Mart for seven years. She also worked on the farm for most of her life.

She was born March 15, 1926, in Waterloo to Harold R. and Ruth E. (Campbell) Freed. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Karen R. and Denny Krill of Waterloo; a daughter-in-law, Marie Sanders of Waterloo; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Charles R. and Lowneta Freed of Waterloo and Everett L. and Virginia Freed of Hamilton; one sister and brother-in-law, Dorothy and Don Ankey of Naples, Fla.; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Larry D. Sanders.

A memorial service will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Chaplain Paul Marki will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from noon-2 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY IS

*being republished to correct
information that was provided to
this newspaper.*

Mary Wells

GARRETT — Mary Geraldine "Gerry" Wells, 90, died Tuesday, March 21, 2006, at her daughter's home in Garrett as a result of pneumonia.

Mrs. Wells was a lifeguard at Klinger's Beach near

Paulding, Ohio, for several summers and worked at Moore's Clothing Store in Paulding for several years.

She was born April 9, 1915, in Bowling Green, Ohio, to Clark H. and Carrie (Carson) Landis. They preceded her in death.

She married Gaylord E. Wells in Bowling Green on May 24, 1936. During their marriage, they lived in Toledo, Van Wert, Paulding and Defiance, Ohio.

After moving to Defiance, they managed Rosewood Manor Apartments. Mr. Wells died of lung cancer on Dec. 14, 1983. Mrs. Wells moved to Leipsic Retirement Village in 2001.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Gene L. and Diana Wells of Bolivia, N.C.; a daughter and son-in-law, Sue and Charles Atkison of Garrett; a grandson, David D. Atkison of Butler; a granddaughter, Deborah J. Jenkins and her husband, Rick, of Kendallville; a stepgranddaughter, Kayla Jenkins; a stepgrandson, Danny Jenkins; a great-grandson, Stephen R. Knott; and three great-granddaughters, Kathleen N. Knott, Christina L. Knott and Bryanna Y. Jenkins.

A memorial service will take place at a later date.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may sent to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

Jeanette Duke

SPENCERVILLE — Jeanette Duke, 66, of Spencerville died Friday, March 24, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Duke was a homemaker and a member of the National Clock and Watch Association, Spencerville United Methodist Church and Spencerville United Methodist Women. She was a high school classmate of Elvis Presley.

She loved working in her flower beds and building clocks with her husband and was a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

She was born July 8, 1939, to Ernest and Omie (Tapp) Davis in Walnut, Miss. Her father preceded her in death and her mother survives in Somerville, Tenn.

She married Victor L. Duke on Dec. 20, 1957, in Hernada, Miss. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Virgil and Regina Duke of Spencerville, Michael Duke of Auburn and Terry and Linda Duke of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Ginny and Larry Leins of Auburn; five grandchildren, Dustin Duke, Landon Leins, Brooke Leins, Kyle Duke and Amanda Duke; a brother, Eddie Davis of Bartlett, Tenn., and two sisters, Eilene Gockel of Somerville, Tenn., and Bonnie Kennedy of Eads, Tenn.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Lucy Miles.

Services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. in the Spencerville United Methodist Church. Pastor Gerry Weesner will officiate. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at St. Joe.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home of Spencerville.

Memorials are to the DeKalb Animal Shelter, 5221 U.S. 6, Butler, IN 46721.

Kenneth Horwitz

AUBURN — Kenneth A. Horwitz, 76, of Auburn died Thursday, March 23, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Horwitz worked in insurance management for 30 years. He was a past president of the Auburn Kiwanis Club and served as lieutenant governor of the Kiwanis Club from 1995 to 1996. He was a volunteer at the Heimach Senior Center in Auburn and was active with the Democratic Party. He was a member of the B'Nai Jacob Synagogue in Fort Wayne.

He was born March 31, 1929, in Chicago. He married Barbara Motherwell on Aug. 5, 1978, in Illinois. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are five sons, Michael S. Horwitz of Crown Point, Jeffrey Horwitz of Carmel, Lawrence Horwitz of Gurnee, Ill., Michael J. Horwitz of Hamilton and Patrick Horwitz of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Carolyn Horwitz of Indianapolis and Bridget Horwitz of Auburn; a sister, Rosanne Eisenberg of North Brook, Ill., and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Nikolas R. Horwitz, in 1992.

Services took place Friday at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorials are to Riley Hospital for Children.

Lorraine Johnson

GARRETT — Lorraine A. Johnson, 82, a former Garrett resident, died Friday, March 24, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She worked in sales for Western Union in Fort Wayne and was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett and the Harvest House.

She was born Feb. 20, 1924, in Garrett to Michael and Magdalena (Bapst) Johnson.

Surviving are brother, Gerald R. Johnson of Garrett, and two sisters, Lucille Todd of Avilla and Marcella Lewis of Las Vegas, Nev.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Orville and Daniel Johnson and a sister, Esther Wilson.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church of Garrett. Father Thom Lombardi will officiate. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery at Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic School or Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

Ora Gisel set an example of faith

BY BILL GISEL

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KENDALLVILLE

Outwardly, Ora Gisel never thought of himself as a very good father.

To his four surviving children, myself included, he often would say something like: "I am afraid I wasn't a very good father," and then he would go on to list an inventory of his perceived shortcomings.

In reality, he was one of the best dads anyone could have.

Dad died Feb. 28, at age 85 and after a very short illness. Always setting an example for his kids — myself, my brother, Tom, and sisters JoEllen and Cathy — he demonstrated for us in the days before his passing a remarkable faith in his Lord Jesus.

A week before he succumbed to old age, my brother and I were called to Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. The nursing staff said Dad's vital signs were deteriorating and that we might want to come to be with him.

Tom Novy (known to many as "Father" Tom), director of pastoral care at Provena, was with dad, alternating between prayer and singing what he knew to be my father's favorite old hymns.

We learned Dad's blood pressure and oxygen level were extremely low; his breathing was labored and seemed to stop momentarily from time to time, only to resume with a heaved sigh. Once or twice he opened his eyes, but seemed to see nothing.

With our wives and led by "Father" Tom, we joined hands in prayer. Another hymn was started, and I noticed that Dad's feet were keeping time to the



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Ora Gisel, center, with his surviving children, from left, JoEllen Sprankle, Cathy

Lee, Tom and Bill Gisel.

lyrics.

Dad had, for most of his life, sang in the choir at Faith United Methodist Church. In high school, he played the trumpet. Neither my brother Tom nor I inherited his singing voice, but we did our best to offer up our praise.

Later, Dad's pastor, the Rev. Jim Toole, joined us in the singing. Unable to speak, Dad nevertheless began to hum in perfect pitch, his amazingly strong notes adding some much-needed harmony.

A nurse came in a short while later to check Dad's vital signs. She couldn't believe that Dad's blood pressure was normal, and his oxygen level had risen to an acceptable level. We had undoubtedly witnessed a miraculous turnaround!

I think we all knew that the

improvement was temporary. Dad had stopped eating, and his living will precluded any measures to extend his life artificially. Still, for those of us who witnessed his turnaround that night, it was proof that there is a power greater than ourselves.

Dad's life always was one of faith. He took us to Sunday school and church from birth, and prayers were offered before every meal shared at the family table.

The morning I left for the military service in 1968, I woke to find my dad kneeling by my bed in prayer. He believed that if he asked, God would take care of me — and the rest of his children — no matter what.

I was home on leave in 1970 when my youngest brother, Chuck, drowned while skiing at Adams Lake. Dad took it hard,

but showed the rest of us that grief, like joy, is a part of life that can't be ignored.

The oldest son, I also was the black sheep of the Gisel brood. Through my many years of alcoholism, my dad never stopped loving me and — most importantly — never criticized me. He just kept the faith, knowing somehow that I would one day get my act together.

I had to learn how to have faith through my recovery, a process that this month marks 12 years of slow and sometimes painful growth. Dad had the faith all along. I think they call it "faith of our fathers."

I am just so grateful that my faith gets strengthened each and every day. I may not have a singing voice, but I can at least keep time to the music.

"Thanks, Dad."

Irene Schenher

KENDALLVILLE — Irene L. Schenher, 87, of Kendallville died at 5 p.m. Friday, March 24, 2006, at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center.

A lifetime area resident, Mrs. Schenher was a bookkeeper at Noble County Savings & Loan Association for many years. She



Mrs. Schenher

retired in 1992 from Kendallville Central Elementary School, where she had worked as a teacher's aide.

She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville, past president of the Rosary Sodality, past president of the Elks Ladies Auxiliary, a 60-year member of the Beta Associate Chapter of Tri Kappa and the secretary and treasurer of her high school class, for whom she helped organize many reunions. She was loved by many nieces, nephews and special pets.

Mrs. Schenher was born Nov. 10, 1918, in Kendallville to Harmon A. and Josephine V. (Vetter) Parker. She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1936. She married Carl Paul Schenher on Nov. 15, 1947, in Kendallville. He preceded her in death on March 28, 1971.

She is survived by two sisters-in-law, Mary Parker of Kendallville and Betty Parker of Kendallville; six nieces and their spouses, Cindy and Jack Jollief, Susan Parker and Pam Bradshaw, all of Kendallville, Sara and Mike Ley of Auburn, Emily and Bob Lesica of New Jersey and Jan Erickson of Kenosha, Wis.; four nephews and their spouses, Ned and Sherry Parker of Kendallville, Nathan and Diana Parker of Fort Wayne, Gregg and Pam Parker of Wolcottville and Todd and Belinda Parker of Charles Town, W.Va.; and 54 great-nieces and great-nephews.

Mrs. Schenher was also preceded in death by two brothers, Robert C. "Bud" Parker and William B. Parker.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville. Father Lourdino Fernandes will officiate.

Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery. Casketbearers will be Ned Parker, Nate Parker, Zachary Sturgis, Seth Boszor, Greg Parker and Roger Helmkamp.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Monday at Young Family Funeral Home (formerly Berhalter-Hutchins) in Kendallville, with rosary service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the Kendallville Humane Shelter and Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Condolences may be e-mailed to youngfamilyfuneralhome@hotmail.com.

Oscar Grogg

AUBURN — Oscar D. "Sam" Grogg, 87, of Auburn died Saturday, March 25, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Before retirement in 1983, Mr. Grogg was plant manager with Frazier Farm Equipment for many years and worked at ACD

as an assembler. He formerly served as a volunteer Auburn firefighter for 19 years and was an avid golfer. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Auburn.

He was born Aug. 7, 1918, in Auburn. He married Helen M. (Paulen) Grogg. She survives in Auburn.

Mr. Grogg is also survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Bud and Linda Grogg of Angola and Don and Karen Grogg of Auburn; four grandchildren, Scott Grogg of Hudson, Chris Grogg of Fremont, Stacey Crowl of St. Joe and Bryan Grogg of Auburn; a stepgrandson, Derek Lipely of Angola; 10 great-grandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by five brothers and two sisters.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at McComb Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Tuesday.

Memorials are to First United Methodist Church in Auburn.

Ruth Webb

LAOTTO — Ruth Eleanor Smith Webb, 86, of LaOtto died Saturday, March 25, 2006, in Parkview Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Webb was a homemaker, a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She was a member of Salem United

Church of Christ in Fort Wayne, the Home Economics Club and Miniatures Club and was an avid bowler.

She was born Aug. 5, 1919, in Huntington to Carl C. and Freda S. (Stephan) Smith.

On June 16, 1940, in Huntington, she married Donald M. Webb. He died Dec. 12, 2000.

Surviving are two sons, James H. Webb of LaOtto and Donald R. Webb of Huntington; two daughters, Kathleen Webb and Susanne Dick, both of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Robert Smith.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with the Rev. Norman A. Conklin officiating. Private burial will be in Pilgrims Rest Cemetery, Huntington.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4-7 p.m. and Wednesday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Salem United Church of Christ.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

Charles Mossburg

AUBURN — Charles "Ray" Mossburg, 78, died Friday, March 24, 2006, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mr. Mossburg was a milk truck driver for Pure Sealed dairy in Fort Wayne for 37 years, retiring in 1992.

He was born Oct. 7, 1927, in Vera Cruz, Ind.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret Mossburg of Auburn; his children, Lynne Smith and Julie Mossburg, both of Huntington, Sandra Phillips of Ketchikan, Alaska, and Bob Miller and his wife, Cathy, of Auburn; a sister, Ruth Warmon of Churubusco; four grandchildren, Breanne Kohli of Auburn, Jessica Phillips and Jordon Phillips, both of Ketchikan, and John Mossburg of Huntington; and a great-granddaughter, Ava Kohli of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Sharon Mossburg, in 1956.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn. A committal service will begin at 3 p.m. in Bluffton Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 9-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home.

Mary Sue Hyitt

CONVOY, Ohio — Mary Sue Hyitt, 70, of Convoyn died Tuesday, March 28, 2006, at 12:55 a.m. at her daughter's home in Waterloo.

She was the former owner of The Tavern in Convoyn. She also had worked as a waitress

at The Tavern and at Ziggy's Bar in Convoyn.

She was born June 30, 1935, in Floyd County, Ky., to Cola B. and Rebecca J. (Ratliff) Orsbon. They preceded her in death.

Her husband, James E. Hyitt, died in May 1993.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Nicola and James Tilbury of Waterloo; a son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Sharon Hyitt of Convoyn; a brother and sister-in-law, Rodney and Monty Kay Orsbon of Convoyn; five grandchildren and their spouses, Andrew and Stephanie Rice of Waterloo, Kirby Rice of Waterloo, Jessica Boyer of Auburn, Rusty and Amy Hyitt of Van Wert, Ohio, and J Hyitt of Convoyn; a great-grandchild, Hailey Boyer; and two stepgreat-grandchildren, Allyson Evans and Marissa Miller.

She was preceded in death by a son, Russell N. "Rusty" Hyitt; and a brother, Jerry W. Orsbon.

Services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Gearhart, Mack & Jurczyk Funeral Home in Convoyn. The Rev. Kenyon Kaehr will officiate. Burial will be in Convoyn IOOF Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Fort Wayne Area Visiting Nurse and Hospice program. Condolences may be sent to agfh@bright.net.

Demaris Jordan

HUNTERTOWN —

Demaris J. (Martin) Jordan, 73, of Huntertown died Tuesday, March 28, 2006 at Parkview Hospital.

She was a homemaker and had worked in clerical duties at Dana Corp. She was a member of St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church.

Surviving are her husband, Edward L. Jordan; three sons, Charles E. of Huntertown, Kent A. of Auburn and Harry S. of Churubusco; one daughter, Tamara A. Shumaker of Fort Wayne; several grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, 1502 E. Wallen Road, Fort Wayne, with

burial at Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday at D. O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, where a vigil will begin at 4 p.m., and from 10-11 a.m. Friday at the church. Memorials are to Masses, Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana or the Allen County Heart Association.

Esther Viall

BUTLER — Esther C. Viall, 97, of rural Butler died Tuesday, March 28, 2006, at 10:10 a.m. in her home.

Mrs. Viall was a member of the Edgerton United Methodist Church, the Mary Martha Circle, the Edgerton Garden Club, the Pythian Sisters and Evening Star Chapter 14, Order of the Eastern Star in Edgerton, Ohio, of which she was a member for more than 60 years. She also was a member of the Daughters of Mokanna.

She was born May 21, 1908, in Franklin Township of DeKalb County, north of Butler, to Charles Henry and Dora Belle (Bunge) Ridge.

She married Emmett A. Viall on Sept. 16, 1928, in Butler. He died March 16, 1995.

Surviving are one niece, Carolyn Dennis of DelRay Beach, Fla.; and four nephews, Roger Moughler of Butler, Jack Ridge of Glen Ellyn, Ill., Jim Ridge of Hinsdale, Ill., and Jeff Ridge of Butler.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Doris Moughler; and one brother, C. Robert Ridge.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Krill Funeral Home at Edgerton, Ohio, with Pastor Tim Gleason officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Edgerton United Methodist Church or the Masonic Children's Home. Condolences may be sent and an online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.



Mrs. Viall

B. Mae Kammerer

KENDALLVILLE — B. Mae Kammerer, 86, of Kendallville died Monday, March 27, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Kammerer was a homemaker.

She was born Aug. 23, 1919, in LaGrange to Allen and Minnie (Walter) Hart. She married LeRoy W. Kammerer on Feb. 23, 1940, at Zion Lutheran Church near Corunna. He died April 9, 1986.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Sherrill and Paula Kammerer of Kendallville; five grandchildren and their spouses, Karla and Tracy Conrad, Kelly and Rhea Kammerer and Klint Kammerer, all of Kendallville, Cindy and Jack Koogler of Ossian and Scott and Cindy Kammerer of Fort Wayne; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her oldest son, Sheldon L. Kammerer; and her brothers and sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church. Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Eileen Jackson

FORT WAYNE — Eileen Rebecca "Toots" Jackson, 84, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, March 28, 2006 at Ossian Health Care.

A native of DeKalb County, she was a homemaker.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Raymond and Laura Jackson of Roanoke and Robert Jackson of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Rose Jackson and Caren Merz, both of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband of 54 years, Franklin Albert Jackson; and two sons, Edward and Thomas.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Elzey-Patterson & Rodak Home for Funerals, Fort Wayne, with burial at Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are to the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo.

Betty Vernia

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. — Betty Vernia, 80, of Battle Creek died Tuesday, March 28, 2006.

She was born March 3, 1926, in DeKalb County to Paul and Blanche Smith.

Mrs. Vernia was a nurse in Battle Creek for 35 years.

Surviving are two daughters, Valerie and Vianna; a son, Steven; three stepchildren, Larry, Barbara and Terry; several grandchildren; five sisters, Hilda Reinoehl of Ashley, Janet Tracey of Ashley, Jeanne Knisley of Pleasant Lake, Isabelle Leas-Kravik and Beth Hoskins; and three brothers, Wayne Smith of Corunna, Van Smith of Ashley and Gilbert Smith.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Vincent Vernia; a sister, Pauline McBride; and two brothers, Lloyd Smith and Richard Smith, who died in infancy.

Funeral services are pending in Battle Creek.

Paul Herman

EDGERTON, Ohio — Paul G. Herman, 74, of Edgerton, Ohio, died early on Thursday, March 30, 2006, in the Ohio Veterans Home at Sandusky, Ohio, where he had been a resident.

Mr. Herman was self-employed as a farmer and also was employed as a mechanic with Liechty Farm Equipment in Edgerton, Ohio, for 30 years.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, having served in the Korean Conflict. He was a member and past commander of John D. Smith Post No. 10 of the American Legion in Edgerton. His memberships also included St. Mary Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus Council No. 1494 in Edgerton and Butler Eagles Aerie No. 2733.

He was born on Aug. 6, 1931, in Holgate, Ohio, to Leonard X. and Cecil M. (Long) Herman.

He married Willa Dean Rowan on June 22, 1957, in Edgerton, Ohio, and she survives.



Mr. Herman

Also surviving are five sons and three daughters-in-law, Timothy, Jerry, Larry and Sherry, and Louis and Mindi, all of Edgerton, and Joseph and Janice of Montpelier, Ohio; three daughters and sons-in-law, Therese and Eric Carlson of Butler and Barbara and Kim Carlson and Jennifer and Dean Lorentz, all of Edgerton; 16 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; one brother and sister-in-law, John and Crystal Herman of Perry, N.Y.; and three sisters, Sister Marie Herman, O.S.F. and Sister Marcella Herman, O.S.F., both of Tiffin, Ohio, and Alice Moriarty of Napoleon, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant brother, Edward; and one sister, Sister Carol Herman, O.S.F.

Services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Mary Catholic Church, Edgerton, with Father Stephen Schroeder officiating. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery with graveside military rites by John D. Smith Post No. 10 of the American Legion, Edgerton.

Calling will be at Krill Funeral Home from 4-8 p.m. Sunday, with a Scripture service at 8:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the Ohio Veterans Home, Sandusky, Ohio.

Condolences may be sent and an online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Kelley Mohler

CHURUBUSCO — Kelley Lea Mohler, 33, of rural Churubusco died unexpectedly Thursday, March 30, 2006, at her home.

She is survived by her son, Jeffrey S. Mohler of Avilla; her parents, Stephen F. and Linda (Buckner) Stephens of Avilla; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Kristine and Raymond Webster of Mishawaka, Tracy and Ed Wright of Fort Wayne and Stephanie J. and Lyle Radecki of Auburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Brian C. and Noelani Stephens of

Churubusco; her grandparents, Norma and Barnie Trimble of Utopia, Texas, and Thomas and Marie Buckner of Paris, Texas; a companion, Barry Anderson of Churubusco; two nieces; and four nephews.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Mr. Style enjoyed being police officer

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HAMILTON — Bob Style loved helping people and he loved being a police officer.

The former Hamilton deputy town marshal ended his career early, though, due to illness, said Hamilton Marshal Joe Patterson. Style's life was cut short, too, ending on March 16. He was 59.

"He loved law enforcement," said Mr. Style's mother, Eleanor Chevillot of Hamilton.

"He loved coming to work, he loved his job," said Patterson.

Mr. Style served in Vietnam as a helicopter gunner. Upon leaving the service, he returned home. Eventually he went to work at the Hamilton Town Marshal's office, starting out working

"He loved coming to work, he loved his job."

Joe Patterson

Hamilton Town Marshal

with Marshal Jimmy James.

When Patterson came aboard, it was Mr. Style who trained him.

"He was my training officer," Patterson said.

Deputy Marshal Style worked the night shift, so he taught Patterson what to look for in Hamilton's streets, near the lake and the community in general.

"I always enjoyed working with him. He was fun to be around," Patterson said.

Patterson said Deputy Marshal Style enjoyed serving the people of the community.

Chevillot concurred, saying Deputy Marshal Style was committed to the law.

"He adapted well to that type of work," she said. "He liked people, oh, my yes."

Chevillot said she thought her son became interested in police work when on a visit to Alaska. There they stayed with an uncle who was a state trooper.

"That may have had some bearing on it," she said.

After his illness caught up with him, Mr. Style and his wife, Judy, moved to Kentucky.

"After he moved out of town he'd come back and visit and chew the fat," Patterson said.

Mr. Style died in Hazard ARH hospital in Kentucky. He and Judy lived in Dorton, Ky. His passing came as a blow to Patterson and Mr. Style's family.

"It was kind of a shock when I got that call that he passed away," Patterson said.

Chevillot said while the family knew his end was near, it was still very difficult to take.

Mr. Style also left behind a son, James Robert Style of Crawfordsville; a daughter, Margret Mae Easterling of Dorton; a granddaughter, Madalyn Shayne Easterling; and several half brothers and sisters.

The former deputy town marshal was laid to rest in a family plot in the Ballard Osborne Cemetery, Owl Branch of Dorton.

Ruth Moyer

AUBURN — Ruth N. Moyer, 90, died Friday, March 31, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Moyer worked in the deli department at Whites Westwood and Owens Supermarket for over 19 years, retiring in 1986.

She was born Aug. 30, 1915, in Fremont, Ohio, to Webb and Clara (Krauss) Kerns. She married Ermil Moyer on July 19, 1940, in Port Clinton, Ohio. He preceded her in death on Jan. 12, 1978.

Mrs. Moyer is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Jean and Earl Warstler of Hamilton; two brothers, Ervin Kerns and Harold Kerns, both of Fremont; a sister, Evelyn Hartley of Bradenton, Fla.; four grandchildren, Steven

Warstler, Douglas Warstler, Jeffery Warstler and Susan Erwin; seven great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Helen King and Eileen Hartley.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. The Rev. Russ Howard will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Wednesday.

Memorials are to DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Leona Klinger

AUBURN — Leona M. Klinger, 91, died Saturday, April 1, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Klinger worked as a seamstress for Predmore Dry Cleaners for more than 13 years before retiring in the 1960s. She then was a self-employed seamstress until the 1980s.

She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn.

She was born Sept. 17, 1914, in Pittsburgh, Pa., to Andrew W. and Selma E. (Yeager) Eisel.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, George and Glema Klinger of Angola; three granddaughters and their husbands, Tina and Joe Buchs of Waterloo, Lori and Audie Blaylock of Garrett, and Valerie and Dan Roby of Fremont; 11 great-grandchildren and their spouses, Mark and Heather Buchs of Florida, Mary Buchs of Auburn, Marcia and Keith Groff of Waterloo, Matthew Buchs of Georgia, Dawn Bair of Fort Wayne, Daniel and Faith Bair of Illinois, Rebekah Bair and Lydia Bair, both of Garrett, Shawna Klinger of Fort Wayne, and Adam Barton and Beth Barton, both of Angola; and three great-great grandchildren, Dalton, Dylan and Haylee Buchs, all of Florida.

She was preceded in death

by her husband, Mathias Klinger; one brother and two sisters.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn. Burial will be in Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St.,

Auburn, with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m. Additional calling will be Wednesday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Dorothy Culbertson

AUBURN — Dorothy Culbertson, 101, of Auburn died Saturday, April 1, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Culbertson was a homemaker and a member of First United Methodist Church in Auburn.

She was born Nov. 29, 1904, in Auburn to James and Anna (Baughman) Wilson.

She married Vernon V. Culbertson on Sept. 29, 1921, in Hillsdale County, Mich. He died May 10, 1967.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Vernon D. Culbertson of Auburn and William and Julia Culbertson of Broken Arrow, Okla.; one daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and David Carmer of Bermuda Dunes, Calif.; seven grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband; one daughter, Beverly Culbertson; one sister, Trudy Dunn; two brothers, Hubert Wilson and Ford Wilson; and one great-grandson.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. The Rev. Ted Jansen will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to First United Methodist Church of Auburn or the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Anna McDonald

MONROEVILLE — Anna McDonald, 85, died Sunday, April 2, 2006, at 5:30 a.m. in Hospice Home of Fort Wayne, where she had been a patient for one day.

Mrs. McDonald had been a resident of Monroeville until she moved to Harborside nursing home of New Haven in August 2005.

She graduated from St. Marys Memorial High School and attended International Business College in Fort Wayne.

She worked at St. Rita's Hospital in Lima, Ohio, at Adams County Memorial Hospital in medical records from 1965 to 1977 and at the Northeastern Center in DeKalb County from 1977 to 1985.

She was a member of Salem United Church of Christ at Magley.

She was born Dec. 11, 1920, in St. Marys, Ohio, to Noah and Matilda (Rohrbach) Badertscher.

She married Robert T. McDonald on Nov. 27, 1948, in St. Marys, Ohio. He died May 7, 1991.

Surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Kay Ellen Warner of Auburn, Lois A. and Thomas Miller of Fort Wayne, Julia H. and Dean Smith of Monroeville and Kathleen and David Meyer of Yoder; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by six brothers, Albert, Arthur, Paul, Leon, Crist and Don Badertscher, and one sister, Esther Longworth.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home at Decatur. Pastor Jean Carmean will officiate. Burial will be in Salem United Church of Christ cemetery at Magley.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Salem United Church of Christ and Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home of Fort Wayne.

Condolences may be sent and an online guestbook may be signed at www.zwickjahn.com.

Robert Ball

AUBURN — Robert D. Ball, 79, of Auburn died Sunday, April 2, 2006.

Mr. Ball was president and co-owner of Ball Brass & Aluminum Foundry in Auburn for 36 years, retiring in 1984.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and served on the board of directors of Peoples Federal Savings Bank in Auburn. He was a former president of the DeKalb Central Schools board of education and was a member of the Auburn Lions Club.

Born in Auburn, Mr. Ball graduated from Auburn High School in 1944 and Purdue University in 1949.

Surviving are his wife, Vivian M. Ball of Auburn; three daughters and sons-in-law, Ellen E. Ball and Thomas Twarek of Crawfordsville, Karen and Daniel Stephens of LaPorte and Micheline and Lyle Grate of Auburn; eight grandchildren, Andrew, Elizabeth and Cameron Twarek of Crawfordsville, Kaitlin and Bradley Stephens of LaPorte and Alex, Samuel and Hayley Grate of Auburn; a brother, Ronald Ball of Angola; and a sister, Mary Ann Stewart of Athens, Ga.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Kenneth Ball, in 1998.



Mr. Ball

Leona Klinger

AUBURN — A rosary service for Leona M. Klinger will begin tonight at 6 in McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Calling will be tonight from 6-8 at the funeral home.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with calling from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Mrs. Klinger, 91, died Saturday, April 1, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

A full obituary appeared in Monday's edition, but the time for the rosary service has been changed.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in Trinity Lutheran Church, 1801 N. Main St., Auburn, with Pastor Lloyd A. Bickel and Pastor Roger Olsen officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. at the McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Thursday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Lutheran Church of Korea, in care of 1801 N. Main St., Auburn, IN 46706.

Sylvia Carroll

AUBURN — Sylvia Louise Carroll, 65, of Auburn died Monday, April 3, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Carroll was a nurse's aide. She worked at Glen Oaks and Oak Meadows nursing homes for 29 years, retiring in 2003. She then worked two days a week for Anthony Wayne Services.



Mrs. Carroll

She was a member of the DeKalb County Church of Christ and was a former Girl Scout leader. She served on the Committee of Human Rights for Rest Care for 29 years and was a basic skills teacher for Anthony Wayne Services. She was a former member of the Waterloo Fire Department Auxiliary.

She was born April 9, 1940, in Waterloo to Curtis and Flora Mae (Clear) Henderson. They preceded her in death.

She married Barry R. Carroll on Feb. 5, 1961, in Butler, and he survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jay and Lisa Carroll of Kendallville; three daughters and sons-in-law, Denise and Ron Getts of Hamilton, Michelle and Dave Stritmatter of Garrett and Leigh Rodman and Thomas Rodman Jr. of Auburn; a sister, Phyllis Willard of Butler; three brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, David and Jane Carroll of Auburn, Richard and Julie Carroll of Lawton, Okla., and Paul and Sandy Carroll of Waterloo; two sisters-in-law, Lorraine Henderson of Garrett and Alice Henderson of Waterloo; 13 grandchildren, Dennis, Jason and Amy Carroll, Jamie, Allison and Rachel Getts, Amanda, Aaron and Joseph Stritmatter and Isaiah, Eli, Linden and Jarrett Rodman; and three great-grandchildren, Corbin, Jaylin and Hunter Carroll.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Hazel Henderson; and four brothers, Dale, Alvin, Gerald and Glen Henderson.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Bill Baker officiating. Burial will be in the Big Run Cemetery in rural Butler.

Calling will be Thursday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Alice Preston

LISLE, Ill. — Alice Marie Preston, 78, of Lisle died Sunday, April 2, 2006, at Westbury Care Center in Lisle.

Mrs. Preston attended Upland College in Upland, Calif., for two years and Goshen College in Goshen for two years, earning a liberal arts degree. She went on to receive a master's degree in foreign language from the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wis.

She worked as a translator for the Foreign Trade Commission in Chicago for five years. She was an enthusiastic supporter of the Humane Society USA.

She was born Dec. 24, 1927, in DeKalb County to Elmer M. and Helen B. (Cramer) Foote. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are her husband, Randall L. Preston of Lisle; a son and daughter-in-law, Bradley and Phyllis Preston of Naperville, Ill.; a sister, Isabelle Byer, Grand Rapids, Mich.; and a grandson, Christopher Anderson.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. at Christian Union Brethren in Christ Church on C.R. 7 in rural Garrett. Pastor Jerel Book will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 4-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Memorials are to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

Marion Rink

AUBURN — Marion J. Rink, 83, of Auburn died Wednesday, April 5, 2005, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Rink owned and operated the House of Spirits in Auburn from 1966 until he retired in 1985. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving in World War II. He was a lifetime member of American Legion Post 97 in Auburn and was a charter member of the Auburn Elks Lodge.

He was born in Garrett on June 29, 1922, to Marion J. and Wanita (Soules) Rink. They preceded him in death.

He married Marjorie Tritch on Feb. 1, 1942. She died April 17, 2001.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Connie and Leo Clark Middaugh of Sugar Grove, Ohio; a son, Gary Rink of San Francisco, Calif.; a brother, Robert Rink of Auburn; and two grandchildren, Justin Middaugh and his wife, Marisa, and Sarah Middaugh and her fiancé, Adam Staley.

He was preceded in death by two half brothers, Earl and Richard Chorpennig; and a half sister, Pat Springmen.

Services will be Wednesday at 3 p.m. in Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Children First Center, 1752 Wesley Road, Auburn, IN 46706.

Tessa Perkins

AUBURN — Tessa Noi Perkins was stillborn Wednesday, April 5, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Surviving are her parents,

Adam Perkins and Sara Jessup of Auburn; a brother, Zachary Armstrong at home; grandparents Margaret Baker of Fort Wayne and Johnnie and Noi Perkins of Albuquerque, N.M.; and great-grandparents, Winifred Baker of Waterloo and Ted and Jean Perkins of Iowa.

She was preceded in death by an infant sister, Taylor Jessup; and her grandfather, Larry Jessup.

Graveside services will be Saturday in the Woodburn Cemetery.

Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Edna Parker

GARRETT — Edna L. Parker, 85, died Tuesday, April 4, 2006, at 10:15 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

A lifelong Garrett resident, Mrs. Parker was a homemaker. She was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett and its Ladies Aid and LWML.

She was born Dec. 2, 1920, in Garrett to John and Ida (Wessel) Kleeman. They preceded her in death.

On Sept. 22, 1946, in Garrett, she married Robert W. "Bob" Parker. He died Oct. 17, 2003.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Julie "Mrs. Julie" and Larry Faulkner of Garrett and Karen Blackwell of Port St. Lucie, Fla.; a son, Gary Parker of Syracuse; two grandsons, Paul Robert Faulkner of Garrett and Michael Landers of Port St. Lucie; and two granddaughters, Natasha and Alexis Landers, both of Port St. Lucie.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1349 S. Randolph St., Garrett, with Pastor Jeffrey Horn officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett and Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church or the Zion Preschool.

Condolences may be sent to condolenceithomas@skynet.net.



Mrs. Parker

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is
being reprinted to correct an error
made by the funeral home.

Theodore Schroeder

WOLCOTTVILLE —
Theodore Daniel Schroeder,
66, of Wolcottville died
Wednesday, April 5, 2006, at
Parkview Hospital in Fort
Wayne.

Mr. Schroeder had been in
maintenance at Vencor
Hospital in LaGrange and a
juvenile detective in Hobart.

He moved to LaGrange in
1987 from Hobart.

Mr. Schroeder was a U.S.
Army veteran.

He was born July 5, 1939,
in Gary to Theodore Otto and
Anita (Hooper) Schroeder. He
married Sharon Hrapcak on
Dec. 1, 1963, in Wheeler. She
survives.

Also surviving are two
daughters and sons-in-law,
Kathleen and Norman Lovely
of Livonia, Mich., and Suzanne
and Kenneth Malone of
Sturgis, Mich.; two sons and a
daughter-in-law, Theodore
William Schroeder of Waterloo
and Timothy and Konnie
Schroeder of Crown Point; two
sisters, Betsy Kimpan and
Marilane Schroeder, both of
Illinois; a brother, Daniel
Schroeder of Crown Point; and
a cousin, Kenny Schroeder of
Columbus.

Memorial services will be
held at a later date.

Furip-May Funeral Home
in LaGrange is in charge of
arrangements.

Condolences may be sent
online to www.furipmayfuneralhome.com.

Anna Beamer

ST. JOE — Anna E. Beamer, 93, of St. Joe died Saturday, April 8, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Beamer was retired from her career as an industrial nurse at General Electric. She was a member of Grabill



Mrs. Beamer

Missionary Church, a loving mother, a dedicated nurse and a friend to all.

She was born Oct. 19, 1912, in Rensselaer.

Surviving are three daughters, Carole Doss of St. Joe, Margie McClard of Murray, Ky., and Sue Wright of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Birnie, in 1999.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Grabill Missionary Church. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be Tuesday from noon-2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Hockemeyer Funeral Home of Harlan is in charge of arrangements.

Jerrold West

GARRETT — Jerrold Owen West, 62, of Garrett died Sunday, April 9, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. West retired from General Electric in 1997 after 30 years as a truck driver. He also was a volunteer firefighter for General Electric.



Mr. West

A devoted husband and father, he enjoyed camping with his family and friends, riding his Goldwing and especially spending time with his grandchildren and family.

He was a member of Union Chapel Church of the United Brethren in Christ.

He was born April 18, 1943, in Allen County to Albert and Mary (Burdick) West. They preceded him in death.

He married Ferbia Deck on March 6, 1965, and she survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Sherry and Max Fugate of Avilla and Tina Simon of Garrett; a son and daughter-in-law, Matthew and Nola West of Garrett; eight grandchildren; two brothers, John West of Auburn and Jim West of Washington; and two sisters, Judy Buckingham of Angola and Janice Keen of Butler.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Dawn West.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Union Chapel Church of the United Brethren in Christ with Pastor Gary Reiber officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and Thursday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

Douglas Speer

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Douglas D. Speer, 75, of West Palm Beach died Sunday at midnight in St. Mary's Medical Center in West Palm Beach.

Mr. Speer had resided in Florida since 1978. He moved to Florida from Chicago, where he had lived and worked for 26 years.

He was born Jan. 13, 1931, in Waterloo. His parents, George Walker and Bertha Louise (Schiek) Speer, preceded him in death.

He attended Indiana University and graduated from Ray-Vogue Design School in Chicago. He worked at Marshall Field's & Co. and Container Corp. of America, both in Chicago. He was director of interior design at St. Vincent Medical Center in Jacksonville, Fla., and was the interior designer for the U.S. Internal Revenue Service for the entire state of Florida, based in Fort Lauderdale.

He was a former member of Tau Kappa Epsilon.

Surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Shirley L. and Richard Henry of Battle Creek, Mich.; a brother and sister-in-law, Philip P. and Linda Speer of Auburn; a nephew, Tim Speer; and two nieces, Michelle Helmkamp and Kim Kiefer.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

Willis Mann

AUBURN — Willis Dean Mann, 65, of Auburn died Sunday, April 9, 2006, at 1:30 p.m. at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Mann worked as a pressman for Bohn Aluminum in Butler for 29 years, retiring in 2003. He was a member of New Life Ministries Church in Garrett. He resided in Garrett from 1962 until moving to Auburn in 2000.

He was born Jan. 21, 1941, in Goshen to John R. and Verba E. (Effert) Mann. They preceded him in death.

On Oct. 6, 1962, in LaGrange, he married Judith E. Hart. She died Oct. 18, 2003.

Surviving are a son, Steve Mann of Garrett; a grandson,

Brett Mann of Garrett; a granddaughter, Maria Mann of Garrett; two sisters, Valerie "Val" May Dolph of Elkhart and Mary Ann Ebbeler of Elkhart; three nieces; and three nephews.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Pastor Lane Andrews will officiate. Burial will be in Beulah Cemetery at Topeka.

Calling will be today from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the funeral home to assist with expenses.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

C. Lee Hughes

GARRETT — C. Lee Hughes, 86, of Garrett died Monday, April 10, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hughes was a supervisor for Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne and Syracuse.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in World War II, and a 60-year member of the American Legion post in Garrett.

He was born Jan. 10, 1920, in Salem Center in Steuben County. His parents, Robert B. Hughes and Marjorie (Raub) Hughes Smith, preceded him in death.

His wife, Mary E. (Linton) Hughes, died May 6, 2003.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Marilee and Harve Harris of Auburn; two grandchildren and their spouses, David and Jenny Harris and Julie and Tim Holwerda; six great-grandchildren, Tyler, Alex, Landon and Owen Holwerda and Emma Grace and Haden J. Harris; and one stepsister, Margaret Graber of Lambertville, Mich.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Kenneth and Jack Hughes; a stepbrother, Harold Smith; and two grandchildren, Jeffrey and Hope Harris.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Auburn Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Children First Center or DeKalb Humane Shelter.

Leon Rigg

BUTLER — Leon Rigg, 86, of Butler died Monday, April 10, 2006, at her home on C.R. 53.

Mrs. Rigg was a homemaker. She was born in Waterloo to Newton and Myrtle (Reeder) Wallace.

She married LeRoy B. Rigg on May 8, 1937, in Auburn. He died March 29, 2003.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dale and Barbara Rigg of Butler; a sister, Irene Rynearson of Corunna; and three grandchildren, Eric, Morgan and Brianna Rigg.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Barbara Rigg; two brothers, Ernest Wallace and Jay Wallace; and two sisters, Betty Fee and Edith Wallace.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Cedar Lake Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Narazene Church in Danville, Ill.

David Miller

WATERLOO — David L. Miller, 42, of Waterloo died Tuesday evening, April 11, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Miller was employed at Nucor Building Systems for 10 years. Before that he served as a captain on the Waterloo Police Department for 10 years. He was a former Butler police reserve and a 1981 graduate of Eastside High School.

He was born July 25, 1963, in Angola to Robert A. and Eileen (Zinn) Miller. His mother survives.

Also surviving are three brothers, Robert Miller of Auburn, Charlie Miller of Butler and Roger Miller of Butler; a sister and her fiancé, Marilyn Miller and Gary Laub of Butler; three nephews, Brian Miller of Bowling Green, Ohio, Jeff Miller of Butler and Benton Miller of Butler; two nieces, Laura Marshall of Auburn and Heather Miller of Denver, Colo.; four great-nieces; and a great-nephew.

He was preceded in death by his father and a sister, Carolyn.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in the Butler United Methodist Church, with Pastor Dan Eckart officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2-8 p.m. at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler, and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to DeKalb Hospice or DeKalb County Relay for Life.

Mrs. Engle was sports fan, participant

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ORLAND — Even though she was never able to pursue the career she likely could have had as a professional athlete, Norma Engle of Orland spent a lot of time in her life either playing sports or rooting for her favorite teams.

"She did love her sports," her daughter-in-law, Rhonda Engle, the widow of Norma's son Gary, said. "She was a real diehard Cubs fan."

Mrs. Engle passed away on April 2. She had been diagnosed with cancer and had been in and out of nursing homes for about the last two-and-a-half years.

Norma's daughter, Cindra Graham, said when she and her siblings were growing up in Orland, her mother could usually be found outdoors.

"She was always out in the

yard playing ball with the boys," she said.

In the 1940s, Norma played shortstop on a woman's softball team in Fort Wayne.



Mrs. Engle

When Norma was 16, Cindra said, she was approached about joining the traveling women's softball team the Daisies.

"But her parents wouldn't let her," Cindra said. "She was too young. I imagine she always thought about that a lot."

Cindra said her father Willard, who died in 1995, never shared his wife's passion for sports.

"They would always watch something else on TV. She had

to listen to games on the radio a lot," Cindra said.

Norma loved baseball and softball, but they weren't the only sports she followed.

"She watched basketball and a little of everything else, too," Cindra said.

Rhonda said when her mother-in-law's health was good, she would come and watch her grandchildren when they began participating in school sporting events.

"She would watch my daughter play volleyball," Rhonda said.

Rhonda said although she supposed her mother-in-law was leery of the woman who would marry her son at first ("I think all mothers feel that way," Rhonda said), Norma came to embrace her as a part of the family.

"I got married when I was 18, and my own mother passed

away when I was 19," Rhonda said. "When that happened, (Norma) became my mother."

Sports weren't Norma's only passion or talent.

"She was always doing a jigsaw or crossword puzzle," Cindra said. "She passed away on a Sunday, and on the Saturday before, she told me, 'at least I kept my mind.' I told her of course she did. She was always doing those puzzles and they kept her sharp."

Norma also had some prowess in the kitchen.

"She loved to cook," Cindra said. "Everyone loved her lemon pie."

Cindra said in an ironic twist, her mother died on the opening day of the Major League Baseball season.

"Not only was it opening day, but the Cubs won," Cindra said.

Gertrude Smith

FREMONT — Gertrude I. Smith, 87, died Friday, April 14, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mrs. Smith was a homemaker and a member of the United Brethren in Christ Church, Corunna. She loved to collect dolls and had a very large Kewpie doll collection.

She was born July 10, 1918, in Auburn to Herman and Viola (Roose) Ball. She married Ora "Dale" Smith on Oct. 2, 1937, in DeKalb County. He survives in Fremont.

Mrs. Smith is also survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Alvin H. Smith of Angola

and Ora Dale Jr. and Linda Smith of Hudson; three daughters and a son-in-law, Barbara Hirschy of Hudson, Ruth Little of Butler and Doris Ann and Linville Ritchie of LaGrange; a sister, Henrietta

Lucinda "Cindy" Robbins of Auburn; 22 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Woodrow Ball and Fred Ball; and three sisters, Dora Upton, Lula Spallinger and Irene Spallinger.

Services will be at 1 p.m. on Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. The Rev. Jason Hollopeter will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to United Brethren in Christ Church, Corunna.

James Howell

AUBURN — James Francis Howell, 86, of Auburn and formerly of Decatur County, Ind., died Friday, April 14, at 4 a.m. in Sacred Heart Nursing Home at Avilla.

Mr. Howell was a vocational agriculture and science teacher for 33 years, retiring from North Decatur

High School in 1979. He previously taught at New Point High School and three schools in Mississippi before moving to Decatur County in 1954. He attended Berry College in Rome, Ga., and graduated from Mississippi State in 1950.

He was a member of the Greensburg United Methodist Church, a charter member of Decatur County Teachers Organization, the Rural Couples Club, Decatur County Farm Bureau, the Indiana and Decatur County Retired Teachers Association and Parkinson's Support Group.

In 2004, he was recognized as a 50-year member of the New Point Masonic Lodge, having served as secretary for numerous years and as Worshipful Master. He was also a member of the Indianapolis Valley Scottish Rite and Lois Chapter of Eastern Star (Associate Worthy Patron 1962).

He served in the Army Air Corps from 1942-1945 as a B-24 flight engineer and gunner. He completed 50 missions in Southern Europe, including missions to the Ploesti Romania Oil Fields in 1944. He is a member of the 456th Bomb Group Association.

Mr. Howell was born April 9, 1920, to Emmett Presley and Ira Johnson Howell in Itawamba County, Miss.

He married Jennie Pickett on Sept. 17, 1944, at Berry College in Rome, Ga. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dr. James Foster and Kim Howell of Batesville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Ira Jane and Bob Johnson of Howe and Jamie Frances and Bernie Sukala of Auburn; six grandsons: Andrew Johnson of Cincinnati, Ohio, Bryce Howell of Fairborn, Ohio, Scott Howell

of Sunrise, Fla., Christopher Johnson and his wife, Jessica, of West Lafayette, David Howell of Urbana, Ill., and Tim Johnson of Howe; one granddaughter, Erin Sukala of Auburn; and two great grandchildren: Addison and Sarah Johnson of Cincinnati, Ohio; one sister-in-law, Monte Howell Fricks of Rome, Ga., and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Herbert and Hubert Howell, two sisters, Helen Warr and Pauline Reynolds, and one grandson, Cristian James Sukala.

Services will be at Gilliland-Howe Funeral Home in Greensburg on Tuesday at 10 a.m. Burial will be in Smyrna Lutheran Cemetery in Decatur County.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home with a Masonic service at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the New Point Masonic Lodge, New Point Fire Department Building Fund, Greensburg United Methodist Church, Parkinson's Foundation, or the American Heart Association.

Charles Boggs

WATERLOO — Charles A. Boggs, 51, died Friday, April 14, 2006, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mr. Boggs was a machinist for Air Way Manufacturing in Waterloo.

He was born July 26, 1954, in Auburn to Charles E. and Aurelia J. (Johnson) Boggs. His father preceded him in death, and his mother survives in Waterloo.

Mr. Boggs is also survived by three sisters, Catherine A. Boggs and Oscar Johnson of Indianapolis, Carole J. Boggs and Merlin Baird of Story Lake

and Caye L. and Scott Lutz of Monticello; two nephews, Robert Hardy Jr. and Richard Hardy; three nieces, Crissi Griggs and her husband, Billy, Amber Graham and Angie Skelly; and four great-nephews, Nick Griggs, Seth Griggs, Lucas Griggs and Noah Griggs.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Chris J. Boggs.

There will be no service.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, 2270 Lake Ave., Suite 200, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

Evelyn Stanley

AUBURN — Evelyn E. Stanley, 74, of Auburn died at 6:40 p.m. Saturday, April 15, 2006, at her home.

Mrs.

Stanley had been ill since December 2005.

She was a homemaker and had lived in the area since 1970.

Mrs.

Stanley was born May 26, 1931, in Mt. Ash, Ky., to the late Bart and Sallie (Vickery) Gibbins. She married Willis E. Stanley on April 14, 1956, in Lawrenceburg, Ky. He died July 4, 1997.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Jimmy Ritchie of Wolcottville, Connie and Mark Armstrong of Auburn and Joyce and Brian Sparkman of Ligonier; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Jerry Brown of Cromwell, Ken and Diane Stanley of Donaldsville, Ohio, and James Stanley of Rome City; 19 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by eight brothers and sisters and a grandson, Scotty Ritchie, in 1977.

Services will be at noon Tuesday at Bethel Christian Baptist Church with Pastor Jamie Owens and Pastor Mathias Snodderley officiating. Burial will be in Oaklawn Cemetery in Ligonier. Pallbearers will be her nephews.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. today at the church.

Memorials are to the family or DeKalb County Hospice.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, (formerly Berhalter-Hutchins) is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.



Mrs. Stanley

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is being rerun to correct the calling hours.

Charles Boggs

WATERLOO — Charles A. Boggs, 51, died Friday, April 14, 2006, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mr. Boggs was a machinist for Air Way Manufacturing in Waterloo.

He was born July 26, 1954, in Auburn to Charles E. and Aurelia J. (Johnson) Boggs. His father preceded him in death, and his mother survives in Waterloo.

Also surviving are three sisters and brothers-in-law, Catherine A. Boggs and Oscar Johnson of Indianapolis, Carole J. Boggs and Merlin Baird of Story Lake and Caye L. and Scott Lutz of Monticello; two nephews, Robert Hardy Jr. and Richard Hardy; three nieces, Crissi Griggs and her husband, Billy, Amber Graham and Angie Skelly; and four great-nephews, Nick Griggs, Seth Griggs, Lucas Griggs and Noah Griggs.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Chris J. Boggs.

There will be no service. Calling will be today from 4-7 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, 2270 Lake Ave., Suite 200, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

Robert Custer

AUBURN — Robert L. Custer, 76, of Auburn died Saturday, April 15, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Custer was a farmer and a member of the DeKalb County Horseman's Association.

He was born July 3, 1929, in DeKalb County.

Surviving are a sister, Eileen Maliszewski of Auburn; a nephew, Tim Maliszewski of Naples, Fla.; and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Wilma Baird and Betty Custer; and a brother, Buford Custer.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Horseman's Association, c/o James Knott, 5913 C.R. 7, Garrett, IN 46738.

Virginia Dean

HAMILTON — Virginia "Ginny" Ruth Dean, 96, of Hamilton died early Sunday morning, April 16, 2006, at the Lakeland Nursing Home in Angola.

Mrs. Dean was the owner of Lakeview Flowers in Hamilton from the 1950s to the 1970s. She attended the Hamilton Church of Christ and Angola Church of Christ.

She was born Oct. 15, 1909, in Auburn to Earl A. and Florence (Fretz) Graham. They preceded her in death.

Her husband, Howard F. Dean, preceded her in death on Feb. 19, 2002.

Surviving are two sons, Gene Deart of Powell, Ohio, and Joseph Dean of Hamilton; seven grandchildren, Kathy Ehrman and her husband, Randy, of Angola, Allen Dean and his wife, Shelly, of Bryan, Ohio, Mike Dean and his wife, Marsha, of Greensboro, Ga., Tony Dean and his wife, Carol, of Bryan, Ohio, and Patrick, Scott and Jody Dean, all of Arcola; four great-grandchildren, Troy Schwartzengraber and his wife, Dawn, of Angola, Chris Schwartzengraber of Angola, Sara Dean of Cleveland and Rachel Dean of Powell; and two great-great-granddaughters, Megan and Janna Schwartzengraber of Angola.

She was preceded in death by five brothers, Raymond, John, William, Robert and James Graham; and two sisters, Helen Bloom and Fairy Graham.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home and Crematory, 3985 E. Church St., Hamilton, with the Rev. John Stevenson officiating. Burial will be in the Eddy Cemetery near Hamilton.

Calling will be Wednesday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Hazel Herendeen

KENDALLVILLE — Hazel I. Herendeen, 92, of Kendallville died at 8:50 a.m. Sunday, April 16, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home.

Mrs. Herendeen had been an embroidery operator.

She had moved to Noble County in 1921.

Mrs. Herendeen was born Feb. 15, 1914, in White Hills, Ill., to Charles Alvin and Eva Mae (Strowmatt) Bradburg. She married M. Dale Herendeen on June 13, 1935, at the Noblesville Christian Church. He died Feb. 8, 1987.

Surviving are a niece, Judy Cook of Fort Myers, Fla.; a nephew, William Bradburg of South Bend; a great-niece, Debra Bobik of Walkerton; two cousins, Geneva Becker of Kendallville and William Strowmatt of Garrett; and several other nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in rural Kendallville.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill.

Memorials are to the Lake James Christian Assembly.

Condolences may be sent and an online guest book may be signed at www.oberlin-ford.com.

Richard Garman

ANGOLA — Richard R. "Grandpa" Garman, 66, of Angola died Saturday, April 15, 2006, at Cameron Memorial

Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr.

Garman was born Jan. 1, 1940, in Chickasaw, Ohio, to

Augusta and Frances (Voskul) Garman. He was married to Betty Sibert Gardner on Dec. 30, 1983. She survives.

He worked at Huff Manufacturing in Celina, Ohio, for 41 years and retired from Ball Brass in Auburn in 2002. He enjoyed fishing and was a NASCAR enthusiast.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Dean and Lisa Gardner of Angola and Greg Gardner of Celina; two daughters and sons-in-law, Debbie and Dave Hole of Celina and Ruth and Dennis Steele of Fremont; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Norbert and Priscilla Garman of Chickasaw and Charles and Erlene Garman of New Breman, Ohio; a sister and brother-in-law, Patty and Donald Staughler of Coldwater, Ohio; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by six sisters and three brothers.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Brian Carsten officiating.

Calling will be Saturday from noon to 1 p.m.

Memorials are to the family care of Betty Garman.



Mr. Garman

Lila Deutch

LAPORTE — Lila Katherine Deutch, 81, of LaPorte died Sunday, April 16, 2006, at 11:15 p.m. at her residence.

Mrs. Deutch retired as a legal secretary for the David Osborne law office. She was an avid bridge player and a member of St. Peter Catholic Church, St. Peter Catholic Rosary Society-St. Joan of Arc Circle, the LaPorte Hospital Auxiliary and the Sigma Phi Gamma Sorority.

She was born in Garrett to Nelson and Julia (Cartwright) Burtch on Nov. 9, 1924. She was a 1943 graduate of Garrett High School.

On April 27, 1946, in Garrett, she married John H. "Jack" Deutch, who survives. They moved to LaPorte in 1946.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Kimberly and Marc Pizarek of Granger and Jann and Steve Kuhn of Potomac Falls, Va.; a granddaughter, Alison Ladson; four grandsons, Gregory and Kristofer Pizarek and Jeffrey and Patrick Kuhn; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Lois Deutch; and two brothers, Richard and Raymond Burtch.

Services will be Thursday at 9:30 a.m. at St. Peter Catholic Church in LaPorte. Burial will be in Union Mills Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 3-8 p.m. and Thursday from 8-9 a.m. at Essling Funeral Home, 1117 Indiana Ave., LaPorte, with a rosary service today at 6 p.m.

Memorials are to ALS Therapeutic Development Foundation, 215 1st St., Cambridge, MA 02142 or to VNA Hospice, 901 S. Woodland Ave., Michigan City, IN 46360.

Richard Wogoman

HAMILTON — Richard L. Wogoman, 77, of Hamilton died Tuesday, April 18, 2006, at Cameron Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Wogoman owned and operated Hudson Marathon in Hudson. He then worked as a mechanic and tire salesman for Newnam Tire and then at Eagle Picher in Ashley until he retired in 1994. He enjoyed spending time with his late dog, Teddy.

He was born Feb. 22, 1929, in Kendallville to John and Lillie (Boyd) Wogoman. His father preceded him in death and his mother survives in Auburn.

He married Evaleena Emerick on March 17, 1956. She died March 30, 2004.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, John Wogoman of Butler, Jeffery and Jackie Wogoman of Angola and Patrick and Marcia Wogoman of Fremont; three stepsons and their wives, Jack and Ellen Emerick of Hudson, Jimmy and Sharon Emerick of Pleasant Lake and Mike and Norma Emerick of Auburn; two daughters and a son-in-law, Cathy and Larry Gaff of Hamilton and Janice Wogoman of Lake Seneca, Ohio; a stepdaughter and her husband, Bonnie and Dave Day of LaGrange; a good friend, Lynn Bender of Hamilton; 18 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Howard Lehner; and two grandchildren.

Graveside services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Mount Pisgah Cemetery at Stroh.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the family.

Richard Frost

GARRETT — Richard Allen "Abe" Frost, 71, of Garrett died Wednesday, April 19, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Frost had been a Garrett resident for 57 years. He worked for Milk Marketing in Fort Wayne for 34 years before retiring in 1987. He was a member of

New Life Ministries in Garrett.

He was born Aug. 25, 1934, in Willard, Ohio, to Alison and Rita (Breyman) Frost. They preceded him in death.

On April 15, 1957, in Camp Gordon, Ga., he married Rita Phillips. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Terry and JoJo Frost of Garrett, Tony and Penny Frost of Corunna and Bryan Frost of Garrett; a daughter and son-in-law, Tina and William Hensinger of Garrett; a grandson, Michael Frost; seven granddaughters and their spouses, Nadine and Corey Kline, Nickie Wells, Jessica and Adam Frost, Stephanie Frost, Barbie Adkison, Brystle and Lynn Kimmery and Chealsea Shadrack; five great-grandsons, Gage and Ethan Kline, Drake Dangler, Carson Jacob Hicks and Camrick Kimmery; two great-granddaughters, Brennan Kimmery and Madison Adkison; three brothers, Jack Frost of Garrett, Jim Frost of Auburn and David Frost of Houston, Texas; a sister, Judy Hershiger of Willard; and his mother-in-law, Mabel Kearns of Columbia City.



Mr. Frost

Wilbur Werner

GARRETT — Wilbur D. Werner, 79, of Garrett died Tuesday, April 18, 2006, at Manapogo Park campground near Orland.

Mr. Werner was a brakeman for the B&O, C&O and CSX railroads.

Mr. Werner for 40 years, retiring in 1991.



Mr. Werner

He served in the Merchant Marines during World War II and was a member of the Garrett posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He also was a member of Norris Chapel United Methodist Church, Garrett Eagles, Auburn Elks lodge and the United Trainmen's Union.

He was born March 21, 1927, in Waterloo to Bernard and Thelma (Hutton) Werner.

He married Louise (Evans) Werner on Feb. 4, 1949, in Waterloo. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Calvin and Carla Werner of Whiteland; a sister and brother-in-law, Sharon and Larry McKown of Fort Wayne; and a grandson, Cory Werner of Auburn.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. The Rev. Diane Barrett will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery at Auburn, with a military graveside service conducted by the Garrett post of the American Legion.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home, with an Auburn Elks service at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R.56, Garrett. Pastor Lane Andrews will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

Paula Sexton

KENDALLVILLE — Paula Sexton, 40, died Tuesday, April 18, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne following an extended illness.

She had been employed for six years at Colwell Merchandising before retiring. She had also worked at Val Discount in Kendallville at one time.

Ms. Sexton was a member of Assembly of God in Kendallville. She loved studying the Bible.

She had maintained a positive attitude about her illness and remained very active. She loved to read, write poems, draw, paint, make bookmarks, do calligraphy and working with her hands. She enjoyed playing cards with her friends at the Lamplighter.

She was born Jan. 21, 1966, in Kendallville to Carl E. and Marelevon (Thornsbury) Sexton. They survive in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two sisters and brothers-in-law, Pam and Jim Montel and Char and Benji Childers, all of Kendallville; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Carl Jr. and Judy Sexton and Tim and Beth Sexton, all of Kendallville, Lee and Norena Sexton of Fort Wayne and Greg and Nancy Sexton of Auburn; 11 nieces and nephews, Chad Sexton, Jeremy Sexton, Jeremiah

Montel, Brandy Montel, David Sterling, Ashley Sterling, Marc Martinez, Lindsay Sexton, Carl Sexton Jr. and Carlynn Sexton; two grandnieces, Abigaile Sexton and Jordan Sexton; a grandnephew, Michael Sexton; and several aunts and uncles.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home with Pastor Robert Monroe and the Rev. Sam Sawyer officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Assemblies of God missionaries.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneral-home.com.

Former lawman loved a good laugh

BY BILL GISEL

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WATERLOO — To the kids of Waterloo and his fellow law enforcement officers, David Miller was known as "Hollywood."

"That is because he wore big, dark sunglasses, day or night," said Waterloo Town Marshal Ron Livengood, who knew Mr. Miller when Livengood was a deputy on the DeKalb County Police Department.

Mr. Miller worked as a deputy marshal in Waterloo for 10 years before he took a job at Nucor Building Systems about 10 years ago. He died April 19 at the age of 42 after a bout with cancer.

"He had a very wry, dry sense of humor," according to Charlie Miller of Butler, an older brother. Charlie Miller was an officer with the Butler Police Department, starting in 1975, and David Miller joined the Waterloo Marshal's Department in 1984.

"We had identical, nickel-plated Colt Python pistols," Charlie Miller said. His brother's gun was left to him, to be passed on to Charlie's son, Benton.

David and Charlie also shared a passion for speed boats and skiing. They had neighboring camping sites and loved to take to the waters of Crooked Lake. Sometimes they fished.

Among his fellow officers, Mr. Miller was well respected. Former Waterloo Marshal Wade Castator called Mr. Miller, "a pretty good fella who loved his job and loved his family. He was always talking about his family."

In addition to Charlie, Mr. Miller is survived by brothers Robert Miller of Auburn and Roger Miller of Butler; a sister, Marilyn, also of Butler; and his mother, Eileen.



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

"This is where I belong" is what David Miller told his brother, Charlie Miller of Butler, about this photo taken in his

speedboat on Crooked Lake. David Miller, who also had a passion for computers and CNN news, died April 19 at the age of 42.

Castator and former Waterloo Marshal Gary Warfield agreed that Mr. Miller loved to joke and have a good time but said he also was dedicated to serving the people of the community.

"He loved to get something over on somebody," Warfield said. Castator said Mr. Miller was fond of "sharing good stories and a laugh."

Livengood recalled an incident when Mr. Miller was investigating a traffic accident at the intersection of Wayne Street and U.S. 6, involving a car and a semi.

"Dave was out there, using a measuring wheel to take measurements, and he was all bent over, pushing the wheel on a very short stick," Livengood said.

"I asked him what he was doing, and he said, 'taking measurements, but they sure

put a short handle on this thing.' I took it from him and extended the handle, and we both shared a good laugh," Livengood said.

Charlie Miller and his good friend, DeKalb County Police Deputy Floyd Fowler, both called Mr. Miller "an old-time lawman" in that the letter of the law sometimes gave way to "using better judgment," according to the situation.

Livengood said Mr. Miller took a job at Nucor, "where he made more money that he ever dreamed as a cop." Charlie Miller said his brother took his nickname with him, and also gave nicknames to a majority of his co-workers.

As a cop, Castator said, Mr. Miller would often say: "If you can't run with the big boys, stay on the porch," in jest with fellow officers.

At Nucor, where Mr. Miller

was a flange-maker, Charlie Miller said his brother's favorite expression came to be: "It is all about the flange, boys, it's all about the flange."

Charlie Miller said his brother was diagnosed with small-cell lung cancer after going to a doctor complaining about a motor skill disturbance.

"He was found to have low sodium, and from that they discovered the cancer," Charlie Miller said.

A heavy smoker, Mr. Miller was successfully treated and went back to work around Thanksgiving last year. By Christmas, Mr. Miller was complaining of back aches, and when he went for a checkup, his doctor found tumors on his kidneys.

"It just overwhelmed him," Charlie Miller said. Mr. Miller died at home, where he was being cared for by Charlie.

Joan Hovarter

KENDALLVILLE — Joan R. Hovarter, 75, died on Friday, April 21, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hovarter was retired from Kraft Foods in Kendallville and prior to that had worked at Campbell & Fetter Bank. She was a member of Mount Pleasant Lutheran

**Mrs. Hovarter**

Church in rural Kendallville, where she belonged to the Vesper Circle. She loved to travel and spend time with her family and friends, and she enjoyed sewing.

She was born April 3, 1931, in St. Joe to Floyd and Dolly Mae (Wagner) Barkey. She graduated from Salem Center High School. She married James E. Hovarter on July 14,

1951, at Helmer United Methodist Church. He survives in Kendallville.

Mrs. Hovarter is also survived by a daughter, Debra Clark of Avilla; a son and daughter-in-law, Randy and Shelia Hovarter of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Deborah and Dan Harper of Albion; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a sister and brother-in-law, Shirley and Mory McPheeters of Garrett; and a brother and sister-in-law, Dale and Sandy Barkey of Columbia City.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Warren Barkey.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church. Pastor Ann Marshall will officiate.

Burial will be in Fairfield Center Cemetery in DeKalb County. Casketbearers will be Josh Hovarter, Jason Hovarter, Brandon Harper, Mike Weigold, Chris Rorick and Tyson Wallace.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Condolences may be left at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is being reprinted to correct errors.

Joan Hovarter

KENDALLVILLE — Joan R. Hovarter, 75, died on Friday, April 21, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hovarter was retired from Kraft Foods in Kendallville and prior to that had worked at Campbell & Fetter Bank.



Mrs. Hovarter

She was a member of Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church in rural Kendallville, where she belonged to the Vesper Circle. She loved to travel and spend time with her family and friends, and she enjoyed sewing.

She was born April 3, 1931, in St. Joe to Floyd and Dollie Mae (Wagner) Barkey. She graduated from Salem Center High School. She married James E. Hovarter on July 14, 1951, at Helmer United Methodist Church. He survives in Kendallville.

Mrs. Hovarter is also survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Randy and Shelia Hovarter of Kendallville; two daughters and a son-in-law, Deborah and Dan Harper of Albion and Deb Clark of Avilla; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a sister and brother-in-law, Shirley and Mory McPheeters of Garrett; and a brother and sister-in-law, Dale and Sandy Barkey of Columbia City.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Warren Barkey.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church. Pastor Ann Marshall will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Center Cemetery in DeKalb County. Pallbearers will be Josh Hovarter, Jason Hovarter, Brandon Harper, Mike Weigold, Chris Rorick and Brian Brennan.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. today at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, and one hour prior to services Tuesday at the church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneral-home.com.

James Ables

FORT WAYNE — James David Ables, 42, of Fort Wayne died Friday, April 21, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born March 3, 1964, in Columbus, Ohio, to James Phillip and Barbara Lee Ables. They survive in Harlan.

Also surviving are his girlfriend of eight years, Maggie McKee, and her son, Matt, of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Theresa and Brad Muncy of Spencerville; three nephews; and two nieces.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Todd Weslee Ables.

Services will be Wednesday at noon in Hockemeyer Funeral Home, 17629 S.R. 37, Harlan.

Calling will be Wednesday from 11 a.m. to noon at the funeral home.

Richard Payton

AUBURN — Richard E. "Bub" Payton, 70, of Auburn died Tuesday, April 25, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Payton owned and operated Bub's Antique Shop in Auburn. He also worked at Wal-Mart in Auburn, retiring in 2000.



Mr. Payton

He attended the United Brethren in Christ Church in Corunna and was a longtime volunteer for the Corunna Fire Department.

He was born Oct. 26, 1935, in Mitchell to William Claude and Florence (Terry) Payton. They preceded him in death.

He married Evelyn R. Baird on Dec. 23, 1955, in Corunna. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Rickey and Cecile Payton of Auburn, Ronald and Tina Payton of Waterloo and Lowell Payton of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Rhonda and Gary Dilley of Huntington and Laura and Michael Rist of South Lyon, Mich.; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Ralph and Janice Payton of Corunna, Dink and Phyllis Payton of Auburn and Delbert and Mary Lou Payton of Waterloo; two sisters, Virginia Buttermore and Betty Hissong, both of Kendallville; 11 grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Paul, Arthur, Sam and Robert Payton.

Junior Sherck

AUBURN — Junior J. Sherck, 86, of Auburn died Tuesday, April 25, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mr. Sherck worked in sales until 1944, when he went to

work at the Middlebury Cold Storage Plant. In 1950, he and his wife, Iva, purchased the Shipsewana Locker Plant, which they operated until 1962. He then opened the Sherck Insurance Agency in Middlebury, which he operated until his retirement in 1972.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a member of the Middlebury Church of the Brethren until moving to Auburn, when he became a member of the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren.

He was born Nov. 28, 1919, in Middlebury to Jasper and Clara (Weaver) Sherck. They preceded him in death.

He married Iva M. Bowman on May 18, 1941, in Middlebury, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Carolyn Sherck of Surprise, Ariz., and Dennis and Sue Sherck of Connersville; a daughter and son-in-law, Dianna "Dee" and Larry Martin of Leo; a brother, Arthur Sherck of Goshen; and a sister, Viola (Stark) Chispyn of Goshen; eight grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, Noble, Truman, Harvey, Melvin and Willis Sherck; and three sisters, Lucille (West) Ruple, Mary Mishler and Florence Sherck.

A memorial service will be Friday at 11:30 a.m. in the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren, 2939 C.R. 15, Auburn, with the Rev. Donald Shankster officiating.

Graveside services will be Friday at 3 p.m. in Grace Lawn Cemetery at Middlebury.

Memorials are to the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren or Heifer Project International.

The Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. The Rev. Jason Hollopeter will officiate. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the United Brethren in Christ Church at Corunna.

Marvin Keuneke

WATERLOO — Marvin F. Keuneke, 79, of Waterloo, died Wednesday, April 26, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Keuneke was a mechanic at the Fort Wayne Post Office, retiring in 1986 after 20 years of service.

He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn. He enjoyed spending time with his family, farming, woodworking and traveling.

He attended Wren High School in Wren, Ohio, and previously lived in Poplar Bluff, Mo., for 20 years.

He was born April 25, 1927, in Adams County to Albert and Martha (Kiess) Keuneke. They preceded him in death.

He married Eva L. Miller on Nov. 9, 1946, in Fort Wayne, and she survives.

Also surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Stephen and Michele Keuneke of Butler, Thomas and Nancy Keuneke of Hamilton, James Keuneke of Butler and Mark and Staci Keuneke of Springfield, Mo.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary and Duane Baughman of Auburn and Sharon and Barry Manahan of Hamilton; three brothers and a sister-in-law, Arnold Keuneke of South Whitley, Erwin Keuneke of Rockford, Ohio, and Hubert and Iona Keuneke of Ohio City, Ohio; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

There will be no services.

Memorials are to Trinity Lutheran Church of Auburn, St. Jude's Children's Hospital or Riley Hospital for Children.

Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, is handling arrangements.

Bertha Hoops

AUBURN — Bertha L. Hoops, 81, of Auburn died at 12:55 a.m. Friday, April 28, 2006, in Wesley Health Care Center, Auburn.

Mrs. Hoops was a homemaker. She lived in the area for 10 years since moving from Kansas.

She was born July 23, 1924, in Cheopta, Kan., to William and Ethel (Stradling) Stillwell. She married Paul Hoops. He preceded her in death on Oct. 17, 1980.

Mrs. Hoops is survived by two sons, Bill Hoops of Watson-town, Pa., and Del Hoops of Savannah, Tenn.; two daughters, Velda Booth of Auburn and Ethel Hoops of Savannah, Tenn.; and six grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be at 9 a.m. Monday at Lake Creek Cemetery in Cheopta.

Young Family Funeral Home (formerly Berhalter-Hutchins) is in charge of local arrangements.

Condolences may be e-mailed to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

Elton Fluke Sr.

WATERLOO — Elton Nixon Fluke Sr., 78, died Friday, April 28, 2006, at his home in Waterloo.

Mr. Fluke worked as a set-up man for Dana Corp. in Auburn for 49 1/2 years, retiring in 1993. He served as a private in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict. He attended the First Assembly of God in Waterloo.

He was born Sept. 7, 1927, in Garrett to George Clatyon and Gratia Irene (Walter) Fluke. They preceded him in death.

He married Vivian "Jane" Rupert on March 1, 1952, in Butler. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Elton Fluke Jr. of Bronson, Mich., and Phillip Fluke of Butler; a brother, Phillip Fluke of Virginia Beach, Va.; a sister, Sarah Betts of Big Long Lake at Stroh; six grandchildren, Adam Fluke, Amanda Fluke, Amy Robinson, Nathaniel Fluke, Thomas Weicht Jr. and Leslie Cambell; and 11 great-grandchildren, Kyle Doub, Danin Fluke, Clayton Fluke, Samantha Freed, Bailey Fluke, Carson, Bryce Weicht, Hayden Cambell, Austin Robinson, Luke Robinson and Justin Dawson.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Mary Best and Doris Sommers.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Martha Fisher

AUBURN — Martha M. Fisher, 87, of Auburn died Thursday, April 27, 2006.

Mrs. Fisher was a homemaker and a co-owner of the Dale Fisher Garment Co.

She attended Zion Lutheran Church in Edgerton, Ohio. She had been a member of the Forest Chapter 44 Eastern Star Lodge in Butler since May 14, 1946.



Mrs. Fisher

She was born July 16, 1918, in Banmock, Ohio, to James L. and Carrie (Baker) Moreland. They preceded her in death.

On May 18, 1941, she married W. Dale Fisher. He died March 22, 1996.

Surviving are three sons and their wives, Ronald and Karen Fisher of Fallston, Md., Roger and Janet Fisher of Leesburg, and Richard and Roxanne Fisher of Bryan, Ohio; a brother and sister-in-law, James and Dorothy Moreland of Sanborn, N.Y.; six grandchildren, Carolyn Riess and her husband, Christian, R.J. Fisher, Michelle Carter and her husband, Alexander; Chad Fisher, Ryan Fisher and his wife, Brooke, and Randy Fisher; and five great-grandchildren Alivia, Treva and Max Riess and Chase and Peyton Fisher.

She also was preceded in death by four sisters and three brothers.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Chris Sigmon will officiate.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are Zion Lutheran Church of Edgerton, Ohio, or the American Lung Association, 802 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne IN 46802.

Edgar Grabill

LAOTTO — Edgar D. Grabill, 82, of LaOtto died Thursday, April 27, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Grabill was a LaOtto resident for 54 years. He was a farmer and dairy farmer for most of his life. He also was a part-time salesman.

He was an active member of LaOtto Wesleyan Church, where he was a member of the board, a Sunday school teacher, and very active in youth activities, especially when his children were involved. He also was a board member of DeKalb County Youth for Christ.

He was born Sept. 20, 1923, in New Paris to Charles E. and Lydia E. (Mishler) Grabill. They preceded him in death.

On Dec. 29, 1946, in Garrett, he married Donna L. Yarde. As her health failed, he cared for her until she died Oct. 21, 1998.

Surviving are a son, Allen Grabill of Fort Wayne; four daughters, Sharon McMillan of New Paris, Connie Binz of Auburn, Brenda Seely of Auburn and Linda Duke of Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; and two brothers, David Grabill of Beach City, Ohio, and LeRoy Grabill of New Paris.

He also was preceded in death by three brothers, Mearl, Jay and Paul Grabill, and two sisters, Mildred Knutti and Agnes Mishler.



Mr. Grabill

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in the LaOtto Wesleyan Church, with calling after 10 a.m. Pastor Lois Watkins and Pastor Tyler Ward will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Additional calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Memorials are to LaOtto Wesleyan Church.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

Leeta Phelan was 'a true lady'

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND

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ESTERO, Fla. — When Vickie Samec recalls her mother, Leeta Phelan, the first two things that come to her mind are red hair and high heels.

"Her hair was red, and it was natural," Vickie said. "Honest to God, I have more gray than she ever did."

Leeta Phelan, who lived for many years in Angola and, along with her husband Bruce owned such local businesses as Captain's Cabin restaurant and Hops-N-Schnapps party store, died at her home in Estero, Fla. on April 20. She had been battling cancer for several years. She was 81.

Vickie said her mother — who was actually her stepmother but was never referred to that way — also wasn't one to dress down — ever.

"I'm standing here in shorts and bare feet, and that would never be her," she said with a smile in her voice. "In all the time she worked and I knew her, she was always dressed



Mrs. Phelan

well, which is why I always think of high heels when I think of her. Even in the house, she was always wearing nice sandals. And you'd never find her in a sweat suit. She was just very classy."

Leeta's son, Jack, said the three main things he will always remember about his mother are that she "had a great sense of humor, strong character, and always — even through her battle with cancer — came across as a true lady."

Vickie agreed that her mother's sense of humor was one of her most defining characteristics.

"She was fun to be around," she said. "She was very witty."

Vickie said her mother was also a very honest woman.

"She called a spade a spade," she said. "You'd better not ask her if something you were wearing looked good on you unless you really wanted to know."

Jack said one of his mother's passions was golf.

"She was an avid golfer," he said. "In Indiana, she played in several tournaments."

Jack said his mother's cancer diagnosis "was a shock to all of us."

"She was always healthy, and her mother lived to 105," he said.

Leeta's seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren were one of the brightest spots in her life, Jack said.

"I'm sure everyone says this about their mother, but she really was a fantastic mother and then a fantastic grandmother," he said. "She just loved her grandchildren to death. She lit up when they were around."

Jack said his mother had more friends than he could probably count.

"She got along real well with everyone," he said. "It was hard not to like her."

Jack said his mother and her husband were "inseparable for 40 years."

"They lived together, worked together and really enjoyed each other's company," he said. "That's a real rare thing to find anymore."

Burdette Haag

MONGO — Burdette "Bud" Haag, 76, of Mongo died Saturday, April 29, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Haag worked for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources at Pigeon River Fish & Game Reserve, for Kerr Iron Works in LaGrange and as an emergency medical technician for LaGrange County EMS.

He was a lifetime resident of LaGrange County and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict. He was a member of American Legion Post 215 and LaGrange Moose Lodge 1351, a lifetime member of the Kendallville Veterans of Foreign Wars and was active in Habitat for Humanity and the Mongo Volunteer Fire Department. He was mayor of Mongo in 2005.

He was born Sept. 15, 1929, in LaGrange County to Harley and Edna (Gochenaugh) Haag. He married Shirley (Curtis) Haag on April 2, 1955, in Corunna. She survives.

Mr. Haag is also survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Cindy and Danny Acree and Vivian Haag, all of Mongo; a son, William Haag of LaGrange; two grandchildren, Jennifer Acree of Mongo and Jamie Haag of Auburn Hills, Mich.; a great-grandchild, Hailey Marie Acree of Mongo; five sisters and three brothers-in-law, Janet and Harvey Miller, Dorothy Devlin and Jeanette Sisson, all of LaGrange, Margie and John

Day of Howe and Phillis and Don Wilson of Woodburn; and a brother and sister-in-law, Dean and Dolores Haag of Marcellus, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Mongo United Methodist Church. The Rev. James Bartlett will officiate. Burial will be in Mongo Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Mongo United Methodist Church and Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

Condolences may be left at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is being rerun with additional information.

Burdette Haag

MONGO — Burdette "Bud" Haag, 76, of Mongo died Saturday, April 29, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Haag was a lifetime LaGrange County resident. He had worked for the DNR at the Pigeon River Fish and Game Preserve and at Kerr Iron Works.

He had served as an EMT for the LaGrange County EMS.

Mr. Haag was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

He was a member of American Legion Post 215, LaGrange Moose Lodge 1351 and a life member of the Kendallville VFW.

He was named "Mayor" of Mongo in 2005.

Mr. Haag was active in Habitat for Humanity and involved with the Mongo Volunteer Fire Department.

He was born Sept. 15, 1929, in LaGrange County to Harley and Edna (Gochenaur) Haag. He married Shirley Curtis on April 2, 1955, in Corunna. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Cindy and Danny Acree of Mongo and Vivian Haag of Mongo; a son, William Haag of LaGrange; five sisters and three brothers-in-law, Janet and Harvey Miller, Dorothy Devlin and Jeanette Sisson, all of LaGrange, Margie and John Day of Howe and Phillys and Don Wilson of Woodburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Dean and Dolores Haag of Marcellus, Mich.; two grandchildren, Jennifer Acree of Mongo and Jamie Haag of Auburn Hills, Mich.; and one great-granddaughter, Hailey Marie Acree of Mongo.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four sisters and two brothers.

Barbara Rider

FORT WAYNE — Barbara J. Rider, 80, of Fort Wayne died at 9:25 p.m. Saturday, April 29, 2006, at Heritage Park Nursing Home in Fort Wayne. She had been in declining health for the past three years.



Mrs. Rider

Mrs. Rider was a homemaker and had been employed at General Electric in Fort Wayne when she was young.

She spent her early years on the family farm near Garrett and moved to LaOtto as a young girl. She was a graduate of Avilla High School.

Mrs. Rider enjoyed watching television, shopping, watching her grandchildren play baseball and spending time with her great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Mongo United Methodist Church with the Rev. James Bartlett officiating. Burial will be in Mongo Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to Mongo United Methodist Church or Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Frurip-May Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhomes.com.

She was born June 21, 1925, in Garrett to David and Ella (Gordon) Stonestreet. She married Milo E. "Buck" Rider on June 18, 1948, in Fort Wayne. He died April 9, 1995.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Richard "Rick" and Amy Rider and Pamela and K.C. Spillers, all of Fort Wayne; a brother, Michael Stonestreet of South Bend; two sisters, Delores Arnold and Joan Bolton, both of Avilla; three grandchildren, Ryan Spillers, Natalie Rider and Tyler Rider; and two great-grandchildren, Austin Spillers and Alex Spillers.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Ilene Bryan; and four brothers, Guy Stonestreet, Jay Stonestreet, Robert Stonestreet and Jack Stonestreet.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. John Suciuf of Wallen Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Eva Schrimp

AUBURN — Eva C. Schrimp, 86, of Auburn died Friday, April 28, 2006, at her home.

She was born in Decatur and was an inspector with ITT for 39 years, retiring in 1983.

Surviving are a daughter, Sylvia Longsworth of Uniondale; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Phillip Longsworth of Auburn and Stephen and Marge Longsworth of Tennessee; a former daughter-in-law, Doris Longsworth of Auburn; two stepdaughters, Nancy Richards of Fort Wayne and Susan Lambert of Greenville, Ala.; a stepson, Michael Schrimp of Tampa, Fla.; 13 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry Schrimp, in 1955; two infant children; a grandson, Michael Longsworth; three sisters; and two brothers.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. The Rev. William Lyne will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Brock Carteaux

FORT WAYNE — Brock A. Carteaux, 19, of Fort Wayne died Friday, April 28, 2006, at his home.

He was the assistant manager at Glamour Shots in

Fort Wayne and a member of the Horizon Youth Group in Fort Wayne.

He was born Sept. 1, 1986, in Kendallville.

Surviving are his father and stepmother, Russell Carteaux Jr. and Laura Carteaux of Avilla; his mother, Kim (Oliver) Carteaux of Huntington; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Brent and Nicole Carteaux of Auburn, Brad and Cammie Carteaux of Kendallville, Bryce Carteaux of Fort Wayne and Bruce and Loretta Carteaux of Jacksonville, N.C.; two stepbrothers, Derek Dahlman of LaOtto and Zane Anderson of Avilla; his grandparents, Russell Carteaux Sr. and Nelle Carteaux of Avilla and Gary and Dorlas Oliver of Huntington; a great-grandmother, Lillian Oliver of Redondo Beach, Calif.; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Pastor Chris Mosley will officiate. Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling will be Tuesday from 3-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Harry Hefty Jr.

AUBURN — Harry Hefty Jr., 84, of Auburn died Tuesday, May 2, 2006, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mr. Hefty worked at Warner Gear/Auburn Gear in Auburn for 50 years, retiring in 1998. He also had operated his family farm, Happy Valley, since returning from military service in 1942. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He was a member of Norris Chapel United Methodist Church in rural Auburn. He also was a charter member and the oldest-living member of American Legion Post 97 in Auburn.

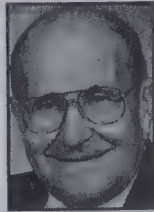
He was born Dec. 15, 1921, in Waterloo to Harry Hefty Sr. and Pauline (Kettle) Hefty. They preceded him in death.

He married Wilma M. Haynes on Oct. 9, 1943, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ronald W. and Linda Hefty of Auburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Raymond and Dorothy Hefty of Auburn; a sister, Evelyn Kelly of Fortville; four grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Ralph Hefty.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. The Rev. Diane Barrett will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn. American Legion



Mr. Hefty

Karen Starn

TUCSON, Ariz. — Karen Louise (Korn) Starn, 45, of Tucson died April 26.

A Fort Wayne native, she moved to Tucson in 2000 and worked in the Vail school district. She was active in Oasis at Rita Ranch Church and was a school health aid.

Surviving are two sons, Reid A. and Daniel L. Starn of Tucson; her mother, Marlene Masel Smith of Lake Placid, Fla.; a brother, Dennis Korn of Fort Wayne; a twin sister, Katherine, and her husband, Vince, of Auburn; her grandparents, Charles and Isabelle Masel of Fort Wayne; and many special friends in Tucson.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at C.M. Sloan & Sons, 1327 Wells St., Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the Casa de la Luz Hospice, 400 W. Magee Road, Tucson, AZ 85704.

Post 97 of Auburn will conduct a military graveside service.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Norris Chapel United Methodist Church.

Earl Altimus

WATERLOO — Earl Altimus, 73, of Waterloo died Monday, May 1, 2006, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Altimus was employed at Butler and Butler Construction of Auburn. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War and was a member of the Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born July 26, 1932, in Ashley to Howard and Hazel (Banta) Altimus. They preceded him in death.

He married Marty Fender on June 8, 1984, in Texas, and she preceded him in death on June 9, 2004.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Kirk and Deb Altimus of Auburn and Dana Altimus of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Dawn and Tracey Best of Pensacola, Fla.; two stepsons, Lonnie Fender and Ervin Fender, both of Auburn; a stepdaughter, Laura Lee Madsen of Auburn; a brother, Carl Altimus of Kendallville; a sister, Thelma Harter of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; 11 stepgrandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Mark; a brother, Dale Altimus; and a sister, Helen Mieras.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Waterloo VFW.

Theron Imhoff

AUBURN — Theron J. Imhoff, 90, of Auburn died Tuesday, May 2, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Imhoff was a farmer in Wilmington Township. He worked on the B&O Railroad, retiring in 1975 after 34 years of service.

He was a member of Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church and was a former member of the Farm Bureau.

He was born Nov. 6, 1915, in Wilmington Township to Charles M. and Mary (Kester) Imhoff. They preceded him in death.

He married Rachel Casebere on Nov. 26, 1936, in Butler and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Keith Imhoff and Kent Imhoff, both of Menlo Park, Calif.; a daughter and son-in-law, Charlotte and Alger Miller of Butler; a daughter-in-law, Janet

Imhoff of Butler; four grandchildren and their spouses, Sheri and Shannon Planck of Butler, Yvonne and David Fee of Leo, Todd and Pat Imhoff of Butler and Vicki and Steve Rodkey of Butler; nine great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Roger Imhoff.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with John Scott and D.V. Dillinger officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church.

Rachel Cook

SPENCERVILLE —

Rachel Louise Cook, 78, of Spencerville died Wednesday, May 3, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Cook worked in wire assembly at General Electric and was a member of the Spencerville United Methodist Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Louisa Freiburger of Butler; two sons, Dean E. Cook of Butler and Brian N. Cook of Spencerville; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Isabel Folk of New Carlisle and Josephine Crowl of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, C. Richard Chapman in 1975 and David Chapman in 1995.

She was born July 16, 1927, in Spencerville to Charles E. and Frances B. (Butler) Chapman. They preceded her in death.

She married Donald Edward Cook on June 10, 1949, in the Spencerville United Methodist Church. He died May 15, 2000.

Services will be Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home at Spencerville. Pastor Gerry Weesner will officiate. Burial will be in White City Cemetery near Spencerville.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Delmar Renfrow

BUTLER — Delmar Renfrow, 83, of Butler died Tuesday, May 2, 2006, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Born in Butler, Mr. Renfrow was a truck driver with Bauman & Harnish for 10 years, retiring in 1976. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II from 1944 to 1946 and was a member of the Garrett Church of the Nazarene.

Surviving are a son, Darrell Renfrow of Auburn; a brother, Olin Renfrow of Florida; three grandchildren, Kimberly Scantland of Warren, Darrell Renfrow Jr. of Butler and Thomas Renfrow of Butler; and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Curtis and Barbara (Henderson) Renfrow; two brothers, Roscoe Renfrow and Odell Renfrow; four sisters, Flossie Emery, Stella White, Agness Lee and Altie Fleener; and a great-granddaughter, Emily Scantland.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with the Rev. Paul Patton officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery at Fort Wayne.

Calling will be today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Friday from noon-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

John Wagner

MECHANICSBURG, Pa. — John Wagner, 88, formerly of Garrett, died Friday, March 24, 2006, in Mechanicsburg, Pa.

Mr. Wagner was the caretaker for Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett before moving to Pennsylvania.

He was born Jan. 10, 1918, in Garrett to David and Pearl (Henry) Wagner. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, James and Deanna Wagner of Douglas Flat, Calif.

A memorial service will be Sunday at 3 p.m. in the Christian Union Brethren in Christ Church of Garrett.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

Orleva Schubert

INDIANAPOLIS — Orleva Schubert, 91, of Indianapolis, died Saturday, April 29, 2006.

She was a member of Calvary Tabernacle Church and retired from the Marion County Nursing Home.

She was born July 4, 1914, in Noble County to James and Stella Ditmars. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are three sons, James DePew and Robert DePew, both of Auburn, and Dewayne Funk of Indianapolis; a daughter, Donelda Popp of Beech Grove; a sister, Ruth O'Connor; 15 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Schubert, three sons, Harlan Schubert, John DePew and Charles DePew; and several brothers and sisters.

Services were held Tuesday at Little & Sons Funeral Home, Beech Grove Chapel. Burial was in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Darwin Provines

ST. JOE — Darwin D. Provines, 84, of St. Joe died Wednesday, May 3, 2006, at his son's home in Auburn.

Mr. Provines worked at Dana Corp. for 37 years.

He was born March 10, 1922, in Butler to Milo and Lucille (Gee) Provines.

Surviving are two sons,

Michael Provines of Auburn and Steven Provines of Antwerp, Ohio; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; a sister, Melva Eckright of Butler; and a sister-in-law, Violet Provines of Butler.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Lorene Berry; and three brothers, Verl, James and Devere Provines.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home at Spencerville. Pastor Gerry Weesner will officiate. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at St. Joe.

Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

June Wentworth

HOWE — June Wentworth, 85, of Howe died Thursday, May 4, 2006, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

A LaGrange County native, she had moved back to the area in 1947 from Mishawaka.

Mrs. Wentworth



She was a home-maker and worked in the family business, Wentworth Electronics.

Mrs. Wentworth was a member of Lima Presbyterian Church and its K.R. Circle.

She was also a member of Sylvan Chapter 251 Order of the Eastern Star and the Riverside Home Economics Club.

She was born June 5, 1920, in Greenfield Township, LaGrange County, to the late Russell and Ethel (Fennell) Blasius. She married John A. "Jack" Wentworth. He died July 12, 2004.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Ronald and Judy Wentworth of Kimmell, Dale Wentworth of Howe and Myron and Kathie Wentworth of Butler; a brother, John Blasius of Sturgis, Mich.; a sister, Annadell Norton of Sturgis; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Joseph Blasius and George Blasius, and a sister, Moreta Ritter.

Iva Estep

BUTLER — Iva Estep, 83, of Butler died Thursday, May 4, 2006, at Glenbrook Rehabilitation and Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

She has no survivors.

Private graveside services will take place Saturday at the Butler Cemetery. There will be no calling.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Lima Presbyterian Church in Howe with Pastor Dan Engber officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Howe.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the church, with an OES service at 5 p.m.

Memorials are to Lima Presbyterian Church.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Alan Olinske

PLEASANT LAKE — Lifetime Steuben County resident Alan Lee "Al" Olinske, 39, of Pleasant Lake died Wednesday, May 3, 2006, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Olinske was born May 15, 1966, in Fort Wayne to Robert and Sheron (Stillwell) Olinske. He was employed by PBL Industries in Angola. He enjoyed hunting in Indiana, Colorado, Montana and Alaska and fishing in Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Missouri and Canada. He enjoyed many weekends on Lake Erie, where he had his fishing boat.

Surviving are his parents in Pleasant Lake; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Randy and Pam Olinske of South Whitley and Lee and Mindy Olinske of Auburn; nieces and nephews, Michele, Karissa, Chad, Thomas and Zachary; an aunt, Wilma Olinske; and two uncles, John Stillwell II and James M. Baker.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-8 p.m.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814; Steuben County Cancer Society or Riley Children's Hospital.

Evelyn Murphy

ANTWERP, Ohio — Evelyn F. Murphy, 87, of Antwerp, Ohio, died at 3:35 a.m. Friday, May 5, 2006, at Wesley Heathcare in Auburn.

Mrs. Murphy was a homemaker. She was born in St. Joe on Feb. 19, 1919, to Forest and Hazel (Smurr) Dermott.

She married Robert "Bob" Murphy on Oct. 27, 1937. He died Nov. 25, 1995.

Surviving are two daughters, Marge Dennis of Montpelier, Ohio, and Marilyn Lichty of LaGrange, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Marion Dermott, and her parents.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River St. (U.S. 24), Antwerp, with the Rev. Craig Burkholder officiating. Burial will be in Maumee Cemetery of Antwerp.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. and Monday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hudson United Brethren Church.

Condolences may be sent to www.dooleyfuneralhome.com.

David Boyd

ALBION — David E. Boyd, 68, of Albion, died at 7:40 a.m. Friday, May 5, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was head sawyer for Jorg & McDonald, Ligonier, for 19 years and worked for Essex Wire.

He was a member of the Ligonier Evangelical Church and the Aero & Machinist Union. He enjoyed the guitar, camping, fishing and his grandson.

Mr. Boyd was born Feb. 21, 1938, in Wawaka, to Kenneth and Elizabeth (Franks) Boyd.

On March 2, 1959, he married Mary Smith in Albion. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Connie and Scott Parr of Auburn; his mother, of Kendallville; a grandson, Austin Parr of Auburn; a sister, Sharon Smith of Albion; and four brothers, Gerald Boyd of Goshen, Roger Boyd of Kendallville, Edward Boyd of Springfield, Ohio, and Ken Boyd Jr. of Wolf Lake.

His father preceded him in death.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Brazzell Funeral Home Albion Chapel, the Rev. David Kushman officiating. Burial will be at Merriam Chapel Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Ligonier Evangelical Church, 1909 Lincolnway South, Ligonier.

He could find the best in anyone

Abe Frost especially cherished children and animals

BY BILL GISEL

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GARRETT — The experience of growing up in an orphanage left his brothers bitter, but for Richard "Abe" Frost it was an experience that gave focus to his life.

"He loved kids and thought that all children are special," said Rita Frost, Abe's wife and best friend of 49 years and four days. Mr. Frost died April 19 at his home on South Cowen Street in Garrett.

"He loved animals, too, and cherished life. He wouldn't kill a fly for anything," Mrs. Frost said. "If he had his way, there would be 150 trees in the yard, because he didn't want to pull up any trees that sprouted!"

The Frosts always wanted eight children, but had only four. They did, however, unofficially foster 12 other children over the years, and opened their home to two Japanese exchange students.

"We once had three kids, ages 2, 3 and 4, for six months," Mrs. Frost recalled. They lived "down the street" and their mother was unable to care for them. The Frosts tried to adopt, she said, but the mother wouldn't allow it.

"It about broke Abe's heart when they left," she said.

Mrs. Frost said she started dating Abe when she was 14, and married him when she was 17.

"I never had any other boyfriend," she said with no small amount of pride. "We



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Richard "Abe" and Rita Frost were best friends as well as husband and wife. Mr. Frost died April 19, four days after celebrating 49 years of marriage. This photo was taken on their 48th wedding anniversary.

were so close, we knew what each other was thinking, but we were a lot different, too."

She said Abe refused to argue, ever. Or with anyone.

"I loved to argue, however, and I tried my best to get him to argue with me, but he never would. He said people should never go to bed angry, and I guess we didn't. But I had some sleepless nights," she laughed.

Mrs. Frost said she could be judgmental, too. But not Abe.

"He always said God created all people, and God didn't create any junk," she

said. "Abe could find the best in anyone, and that was all he could see, even in ex-in-laws."

Family was so important to her husband, Mrs. Frost said, that he went so far as to find other people to help mentor his kids while he worked 14-hour days in Fort Wayne.

"He didn't have time to play catch, but he would find someone else to do it," she explained. He would find a way to get to a ball game or a school function, however, no matter what.

In addition to the children, Abe and his wife surrounded themselves with animals. Abe

once rescued a blind black squirrel, keeping it safely caged and fed for three years. The squirrel died of fright after a fire destroyed the upstairs of their home, she said, even though it had been rescued from the flames.

Abe at one time had 150 rabbits in the garage, which he would let out when he cleaned the garage.

"The kids in town loved it," she recalled. "It was like coming to a zoo." They also had skunks, raccoons, pigeons and chickens, including a rooster Abe called "retarded" because it would crow only at night.

This year on Easter Sunday, all of the Frost children, grandchildren, and the newest great-grandson came for a family gathering. It was a special day, Mrs. Frost said, something which she sees now as "God closing some doors" in preparation for what was to come.

"We are a family of hugs," Mrs. Frost said. "God was setting the stage."

On Tuesday after Easter, Abe went to bed early. He had lived with a heart condition since 1998, and had only one lung due to years of heavy smoking. ("He was hard on the kids who still smoke," Mrs. Frost said. She gave up the habit along with her husband.)

"We kissed each other good night, and we both said, 'I love you,'" she said. He died early in the morning on Wednesday.

Two days after her husband's funeral, Abe's Rottweiler dog died. The animal had a broken heart, and also cancer. Mrs. Frost had the animal cremated and will place its ashes on her husband's grave.

Gladys Gift

AUBURN — Gladys M. Gift, 75, of Auburn died Friday, May 5, 2006, at 5:50 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Garrett, where she had been a resident for two weeks.

Mrs. Gift worked in production at Mossberg-Hubbard in Garrett for 26 years, retiring in 1978. After her husband's death in 1983, she worked at Magnavox in Garrett for three years.

She was born Jan. 5, 1931, in Whitley County to Arly and Eva (Bosler) Smith. They preceded her in death.

She married Allen L. Gift on July 31, 1948, in Butler. He died in October 1983.

Surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, Melvin and Eleanor Smith of Garrett, and several nieces and nephews.

She also was preceded in death by a sister, Leah N. Johnson.

Services will be Monday at 4 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. The Rev. Seneta Maika of the Butler United Methodist Church will officiate.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Home Health Care.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

Robert Butler

KENDALLVILLE — Robert Butler, 74, of Kendallville died Sunday, May 7, 2006, at his rural Kendallville home.

Mr. Butler had been the chief product engineer and product manager of the S-Series truck for International

Harvester in Fort Wayne and Springfield, Ohio. He retired in 1989 after 34 years of service.

He graduated in 1950 from Kendallville High School and served in the Army from 1952-1954 during the Korean War with the 928th Scarwolf Engineers in England.

Following his discharge, he graduated from Purdue University in 1959 with a degree in aeronautical engineering.

He had been an active board member of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Festival for many years and was currently a member emeritus. He was a past president of the volunteers of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum.

Mr. Butler was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist and a past member of the Kendallville Lions Club.

He was born Feb. 1, 1932, in Kendallville to Herbert and Margaret (Baughman) Butler. They are deceased. He married Judith Ellen Shank on Sept. 19, 1959, at Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville. She survives.



Mr. Butler

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Patrick and Mary Sue Butler of Fishers and Timothy Butler of Rome City; a daughter and son-in-law, Annette and Vince Buchanan of Leo; a brother and sister-in-law, Ted and Evelyn Butler of Kendallville; three half brothers and their wives, William and Ruby Leamon of Artesia, N.M., Thomas and Nancy Leamon of Grand Rapids, Mich.; and David and Linda Leamon of Kendallville; a half sister, Nancy Renkenberger of Kendallville; three grandsons, Ryan, Matthew and Nicholas Butler; and three granddaughters, Bryn, Haley and Chloe Buchanan.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville with the Rev. Scott Pattison officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to Trinity Church United Methodist, the Bob Butler Memorial Fund of the ACD Festival, or in the form of a blood donation in his memory to the American Red Cross.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneral-home.com.

Denny Croy

ANGOLA — Denny L. Croy, 57, of Angola died Saturday, May 6, 2006, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital.

Mr. Croy was born May 15, 1948, in Garrett to Don and Corinne (Brown) Croy. He was a graduate of Angola High School and was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.



Mr. Croy

He had been working in the construction business with his son-in-law. He worked with the Steuben County Sheriff's Department for over 20 years and also owned the Tru-fire Gun Store in Flint. He managed the Sunset Inn on Crooked Lake for eight years and was a member of Orland American Legion Post No. 423.

Surviving are his mother in Angola; his wife, Shar (Buse) Croy; four sons and a daughter-in-law, Don Croy of Fort Wayne, Mike and Lisa Brenner and Matt Brenner, all of Seattle, and Shayne Black of Tampa, Fla.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Mandy Croy of DeKalb, Ill., and Tiffany and Scott Bruce of Fremont; two sisters, Dona Klause of Angola and Debbie Bickel of Belton, Texas; and four grandchildren, Dylan and Kalob Kvapil of DeKalb, Ill., Taylor Brenner of Seattle and Xavier Bruce of Fremont.

He was preceded in death by his father on Sept. 3, 2004.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Brian E. Carston officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences can be left online at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Dorothy Freeman

HAMILTON — Dorothy M. Freeman, 83, of Hamilton died Saturday, May 6, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Freeman was a homemaker and worked alongside her husband on their family farm. She was a member of the Hamilton Homemaker Club. She and her husband enjoyed gardening, crafts, auctions and garage sales.

She was born Dec. 20, 1922, in Auburn to Bruce and Mary (Wolfe) Lower. They preceded her in death.

She married Donald E. Freeman on Jan. 11, 1941, in Auburn. He died Feb. 11, 2002.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Diana and Larry Alwood of Las Vegas, Nev., and Darlene and Doyle Marr of Butler; a sister, Alice Snyder of Auburn; four grandchildren and their spouses, Brian and Janine Alwood of Las Vegas, Faith and Robert Cannella of Las Vegas, Devan and Chad Kirkman of St. Joe and Denise Marr of Butler; and three great-grandchildren, Gideon Alwood, Blaize Alwood and Christian Cannella.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Glenn Lower; and three sisters, Beulah Hankey, Pauline Harmon and Martha Keller.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Auburn. The Rev. Barb Lloyd will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb Animal Shelter.

Beverly Renkenberger

KENDALLVILLE — Beverly Ann Renkenberger, 76, of Kendallville died at 2 a.m. Sunday, May 7, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne where she had been a patient for the past three weeks.

Mrs. Renkenberger lived in Kendallville 53 years and was raised in Topeka where she graduated from Topeka High School.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Renkenberger was a 48-year member of Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville and a member of Tri Kappa Sorority.

She was born Dec. 2, 1929, in Topeka to Dr. William R. and Lillian (Irey) Horn. She married Jack D. Renkenberger on May 9, 1953, in Angola. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Melanie Renken-

berger of Kendallville; a brother, James Horn of Topeka; two sisters, Martha Wyatt of Howe and Charlene Heintzelman of Cromwell; two grandchildren and their spouses, Adam and Tiffany Meyer of Fort Wayne and Sarah and Anthony Scheurich of Garrett; a great-grandchild, Akeisha Meyer; and a stepgreat-grandchild, April Meyer.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Joe Horn and Charles Horn; and two sisters, Wilma Bently and Barbara Copel.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, with the Rev. Jim Toole of Faith United Methodist Church officiating.

Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Pallbearers will be Adam Meyer, Scott Vorndran, Jim Heintzelman, Jeff Heintzelman, Brad Wyatt and Tim Wyatt.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are to Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

Daniel Miller

AUBURN — Daniel D. Miller, 47, of Auburn and formerly of Mount Vernon, Ohio, died Sunday, April 30, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Miller was a member of the Vanatta Northside Church of Christ and attended the Amity Apple Valley Baptist Church.

He was born Oct. 11, 1958, in Huntington, W. Va., to William and Iline (Harper) Miller. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are his wife, Leslie (Vance) Miller; four sons, Daniel E. Miller of Mount Vernon, and Jarvis Miller, Eric Miller and Andrew

Miller, all of Auburn; a daughter, Sabrina Miller of Auburn; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Jim and Marge Cizgans of Yuba City, Calif., and Bob and Karen Miller of Plainfield, Conn.; four sisters and two brothers-in-law, Ethel Rivero of Newark, Ohio, Jeanie Jones of Scottsdale, Ariz., Connie and Ernie Tarbox of Gray, Tenn., and Deborah and David Phillips of Mount Vernon; and three nephews, Robert Blackstone, Dana Phillips and Jim Phillips.

He was preceded in death by a nephew, Robbie Hager.

A memorial service will be Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Auburn Church of Christ, 208 W. Eighteenth St., Auburn.

Funeral services have taken place in Mount Vernon and burial was in Forest Cemetery at Fredericktown, Ohio.

Memorials are to the family.

Flowers-Snyder Funeral Home of Mount Vernon was in charge of arrangements. A guest registry may be found at www.snyderfuneralhomes.com.

Robert Crowl

SPENCERVILLE — Robert A. Crowl, 81, died Monday evening, May 8, 2006, at Harborside Nursing Home in New Haven.

Mr. Crowl worked for 28 years as an inspector at Zollner Piston in Fort Wayne, retiring on Feb. 1, 1984. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and woodworking.



Mr. Crowl

He was a member of the Fort Wayne Eagles 309. He belonged to Fort Wayne's American Legion Post 47 and was a World War II Army veteran.

He was born Nov. 22, 1924, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Claron Carl and Ruth Helen (Spencer) Crowl. They preceded him in death.

He married Josephine A. Chapman on April 13, 1946, in Newport, Ky. They celebrated 60 years of marriage this year. She survives in New Haven.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Robert A. and Susan Crowl of Fort Wayne and Joe E. Crowl of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; 11 great-great-grandchildren; and a sister and brother-in-law, Laverne and Joe Jankovich of Eagle River, Wis.

He was preceded in death by brothers and sisters.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville, with Pastor Gerry Weesner officiating. Entombment with military services will be at Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association, 6415 Castleway West Drive, Suite 114, Indianapolis, IN 46250.

David Black

BUTLER — David S. Black, 70, of Butler died Tuesday, May 9, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Black was a self-employed painter and also worked in the maintenance department at Universal Tool and Stamping in Butler for 10 years, retiring in 1994.

He was born in Ashland, Ky., to William and Sophie (Price) Black. They preceded him in death.

He married Connie Nutter on Oct. 29, 1966, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son, Keith Allen Black of Butler; a daughter, Rebecca Ann Black of Huntington; two brothers, Bill Black of Dayton, Ohio, and Henry Hubert Black of Butler; and three sisters, Clara Gillium of Ashland, Ky., Kitty Enteman of Bryan, Ohio, and Mildred Ward of Pikeville, Ky.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Cosby Conley; and three brothers, Ira, James and Robert Black.

Services will be Saturday at 3 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Paul Patton officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Saturday from 1-3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Christina Hilker

HUNTERTOWN — Christina D. "Chrisdy" Kuemmel Hilker, 36, of Huntertown died Monday, May 8, 2006, at Parkview Hospital.

Mrs. Hilker was the secretary of the American Legion Riders of District 4.

She will be remembered as a devoted wife and mother who loved life, motorcycle riding and was a friend to all.

She was born Dec. 20, 1969, in Sandusky, Ohio.

Surviving are her mother and stepfather, Marty and Rick Coburn of Ligonier; her father, Tom Kuemmel of Syracuse; her husband, Eric F. Spade; four sons, Erin Burchett of Warsaw and Hayden Hilker, Joseph Hilker and Nicholas Hilker, all at home; two sisters, Celynda Ratliff of Goshen and Cindy Kruetzer of Auburn, Ala.; a brother, Tommy Kuemmel of Ligonier; and her grandmother, Ro Alice James of Ligonier.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. today and one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Chrisdy D. Hilker Memorial Fund care of National City Bank.

Christine Souder

ANDREWS, N.C. — Christine D. (Hart) Souder, 54, of Andrews, N.C., and formerly of Angola died Monday, May 8, 2006, in Murphy Medical Center, Murphy, N.C., following a one-year illness.

Mrs. Souder was an Angola resident for most of her adult life and had moved to North Carolina seven years ago.

She was a 1969 graduate of Angola High School and a graduate of the Purdue University School of Nursing. She was a Reike Master and a certified reflexologist.

She was born July 27, 1951, in Bryan, Ohio, to Margurette M. (McDaniel) and William J. Hart. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are her husband, Dr. Jack Souder; a daughter, Robin F. Snidle of Garrett; two stepsons, Jeff Souder and Monte Souder, both of Andrews; a stepdaughter, Rene Salinas of Denton, Texas; two grandchildren, Anastasia Wilkinson and Nikolas Wilkinson, both of Garrett; seven stepgrandchildren, Travis, Cory and Holly Salinas, Samantha, Felicity and Orlando Souder and Ravyn Beckner; and three brothers, William Hart of Angola, John Hart of San Ramon, Costa Rica, and Richard Hart of Pacific, Wash.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Trudy Hart, in 1946; and a stepgrandson, Jeff Souder.

Graveside memorial services will be Saturday, June 3, at 2 p.m. in Riverside Cemetery, Montpelier, Ohio.

Wilson-Geesey Funeral Home, 335 Empire St., Montpelier, is in charge of arrangements.

Snowden Wells

SPENCERVILLE — Snowden L. "Coke" Wells, 71, of Spencerville died Wednesday, May 10, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was the retired owner of Snowden Wells Masonry Inc. and a member of Promise Lutheran Church.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia A. Wells of Spencerville; a son and daughter-in-law, Thomas and Eva Wells of Leo-Cedarville; three daughters and their husbands, Deborah and Joe France of Fort Wayne, Kathleen and Kevin Dullaghan of Spencerville and Jennifer and Mike Fritz of Leo-Cedarville; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two brothers, Harold and Charles; and two sisters, Marjorie Seitz and Linda Ladig.

Preceding him in death were his parents, George and Ruby Wells Sr.; and three brothers, George Jr., Gene and Lawrence.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Promise Lutheran Church, 7323 Schwartz Road. Burial will be in Leo Memorial Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, and one hour prior to services Sunday at the church.

Memorials are to the Indiana Organ Procurement Organization or Promise Lutheran Church.

Bertha Duncan

WATERLOO — Bertha Marie Duncan, 101, of Waterloo, died Thursday, May 11, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Duncan was a homemaker and a member of the Cedar Lake Church of Christ and its Ladies Aid. She was a former member of the Pythian Sisters Lodge in Waterloo.

She was born Sept. 14, 1904, in Waterloo to Roscoe and Mary (Gingrich) Geeting.

She married Vern Duncan on Aug. 19, 1925. He died July 17, 1949.

Surviving are a brother, Raymond Geeting of Hollywood, Fla.; two nieces, Marilyn Gurtner and her husband, John, of Waterloo, and Ruth Carroll of Waterloo; and a nephew, Roscoe Wiggins, and his wife, Nellie, of Waterloo.

Graveside services will be today at 1 p.m. in the Waterloo Cemetery with Steven Evans officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Cedar Lake Church of Christ.

Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, is handling arrangements.

Charmaine Camp

KENDALLVILLE — Charmaine J. Camp, 72, died Thursday, May 11, 2006, at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center, Kendallville.

Born in Bay City, Mich., she was a cook for nursing

homes. She enjoyed reading and gardening.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Troy and Rachel Camp of Auburn; two daughters, "Micky" McNair Engle of Leo, and Terry Rice of Standish, Mich.; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Ronald Camp, preceded her in death in 1972.

Services will be at noon Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne, with Allan Engle officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling will be one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

Richard Campbell

FORT WAYNE — Richard Eugene Campbell, 73, of Fort Wayne, died Friday, May 12, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Campbell was retired from the maintenance department at J.C. Penney in Fort Smith, Ark., and also in Fort Wayne.

He was a member of the Harvest Freewill Baptist Church in Fort Wayne and was a volunteer for the Red Cross Bloodmobile.

He was born Jan. 27, 1933, in Butler, to Clayton and Goldie (Sindel) Campbell. They preceded him in death.

He married Barbara Albertson on July 29, 1953, in Angola. She survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Duane and Connie Campbell of Fort Wayne and Bennie and Brenda Campbell of Auburn; a daughter, Christine Horn of Fort Wayne; a brother, Chet Campbell of Angola; a sister, Marcella Huisman of Auburn;

five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Harvest Freewill Baptist Church, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Red Cross.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, is handling arrangements.

Mr. Croy took pleasure in simplicity

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND

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ANGOLA — When Shar Buse first met Denny Croy, they were in school and she was a few years older than he.

They were friends, but since he was an underclassman, she said, they didn't date.

Until a lot of years later, after they had both seen a lot of places and things.

"I got married and moved to Michigan, and I didn't come back (to Steuben County) until probably 1986," Shar said. "Then we met up again and we were friends for a couple of years before we started dating."

Shar and Denny were married on Dec. 31, 1994. For 11 years they were inseparable — until May 6, when an aortic aneurism claimed Denny's life.

"I know I was lucky to have him at all, but I feel kind of cheated that I only got to be married to him for 11 years," Shar said sadly.

Denny Croy was a man who enjoyed simple pleasures. Shar said he had always wanted to be a mountain man; that he would have been happy to live in a primitive cabin in the mountains where he could hunt and fish and not have to deal with the hustle and bustle of the real world.

"He lived in Maine for a while, and he told me all he needed was fuel for his 4-wheeler and a generator," she said. "He told me he lived there for \$64 a month. Denny just wanted a simple life."

Shar said it would be

difficult to pinpoint one aspect of Denny's character that stood out.

"He had so many things about him that were good," she said. "He was honest ... sometimes to a fault. He was witty, and he was very devoted to his family and friends."

Shar's daughter, Tiffany Bruce, was 16 when her mother married Denny. She said Denny embraced her as a daughter of his heart from the very beginning.

"He helped my buy my first car," Tiffany said. "He did all the things for me a father would do." Tiffany said she and Denny were a lot alike in that they didn't wear their hearts on their sleeves.

"We kind of had these shells around us," she said. "Denny and I would tell other people how we felt about each other, but we'd never tell each other."

And when Tiffany, now 28, had children of her own, Denny was right there for her.

"He was a great grandfather," she said. Shar said one thing you didn't want to do was ask for Denny's opinion if you really didn't want it.

"He'd tell you whether it was what you wanted to hear or not," Shar said with a smile creeping into her sad voice. "Denny loved a good argument."

Shar and Denny did some traveling, going on a cruise and taking a trip to Alaska.

"We took a trip to Alaska a few years ago, and I thank God he was able to see Alaska, a place he had always dreamt of going," Shar said.

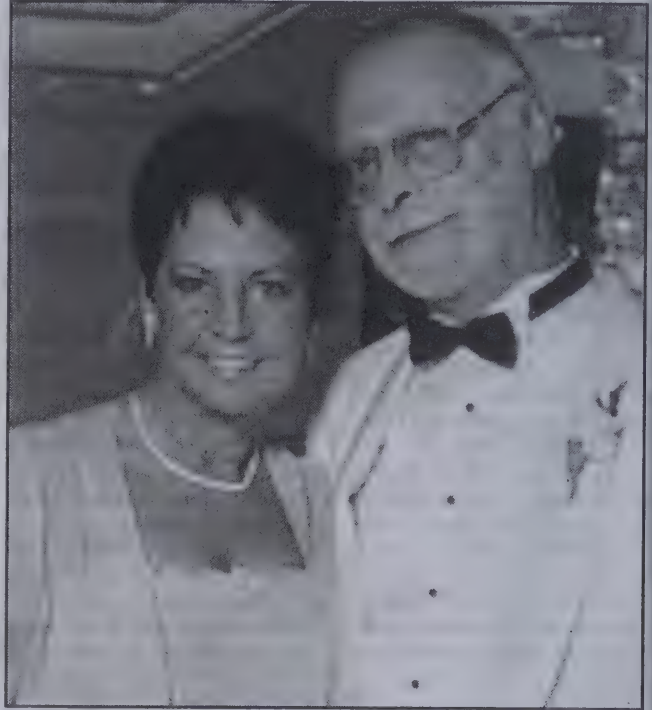


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Denny Croy and his wife, Shar, pose for a photo on a cruise they took a couple of years ago. Mr. Croy died unexpectedly May 6.

Shar said her husband never expected a lot, and he never asked for anything. She said he was one of the most appreciative people she ever met.

"He thanked me for every meal I cooked, and every time I cleaned the house or planted flowers he told me how much he appreciated it or how nice it looked," she said.

Shar said Denny was an unassuming man, completely unaware of how many people loved him and how many talents he possessed.

"Denny could build a house

or a gun; he was good with wood," she said. "He was so talented. There was nothing Denny couldn't do."

Now, the memories of the man Shar called "my soul-mate, my best friend and my partner through everything" are helping her get through.

"Denny was a wonderful husband and a loyal friend. I will forever hold him in my heart and he will never be replaced," she said.

"The mold has been broken. I love him dearly ... he was my world."

Leo Oser

AUBURN — Leo M. "Bud" Oser, 90, died Saturday, May 13, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Oser owned and operated Oser Truck Leasing Co. in Fort Wayne. He was a member of the St.

Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Fort Wayne and was a member of the Fort Wayne



Mr. Oser

Transportation Club and The Loyal Order of the Moose in Angola.

He was a past director and is a life member of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum and also belonged to the Antique Automobile Club of America.

He was born May 15, 1915, in Fort Wayne to Michael and Frances (Krouse) Oser.

He married Betty J. (Walker) Oser on Nov. 27, 1962, in Auburn. She survives.

Mr. Oser also is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law, Dennis and Jean Oser of Fort Wayne, Steven and Lynn Oser of Broomfield, Colo., and Patrick and Deborah Oser of Ankeny, Iowa; three daughters and sons-in-law, Sally and William Schaab of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Nancy and Michael Wyngaard of Madison, Wis., and Julia Muir of Bloomfield, Mich.; 17 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Diane Kallmyer.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Fort Wayne. Father John Kuzmick will officiate. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery at Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. on Tuesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with a wake service at 7:30 p.m. Additional calling will be one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to St. Mary's of the Woods in Terre Haute, St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Fort Wayne and the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum in Auburn.

Ruth Clifton-Gfeller

CORUNNA — Ruth Helen Clifton-Gfeller, 87, of Corunna died Friday, May 12, 2006, at 7:05 p.m. in her home after a brief illness. She was homemaker.

She was born Sept. 2, 1918, in Hillsdale, Mich., the daughter of Fred and Eliza A. (VanOrsdale) Wilcox.

She married Donald D. Clifton Sr., and he preceded her in death in 1967. She then married Frank Purchis, who died in 1992.

She married Fred Gfeller on June 24, 1993, in Auburn, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, Donald D. Clifton of Butler; three grandchildren, Tammy Lisa Clifton of Butler, Dawn Marie Hankey of Auburn and Odin Edward Clifton of Butler; 10 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one grandson, Donald D. "Dewy" Clifton III; two brothers; and one sister.

Services will be Tuesday at 8 p.m. in Krill Funeral Home at Edgerton, Ohio, with Brother Denzel Short and Brother Greg Shipe officiating. Interment will be in Jonesville, Mich.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to and an online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Doris King

BUTLER — A memorial service for Doris King, 94, of Ruskin, Fla., will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Butler United Methodist Church.

Mrs. King died Oct. 25, 2005, in Ruskin, Fla.

She was born April 3, 1911, in St. Joe.

She married Robert King on Jan. 16, 1936. They lived on a farm outside Butler.

Mr. King died Nov. 15, 1979. After the death of her husband, Mrs. King moved to Ruskin, Fla.

Mrs. King was a nurse and a caretaker for many elderly people. She enjoyed card games, following and discussing politics, traveling, tending her garden and spending time with friends.

Surviving are many nieces and nephews who said they loved her like a second mother.

Pastor Daniel Eckart will officiate at Saturday's service. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Jill Carr

GARRETT — Jill A. Carr, 63, of Garrett died Saturday, May 13, 2006, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Carr was a homemaker and had spent most of her life in Garrett and Kendallville.

She was a 1961 graduate of Alexandria High School in Alexandria.

She was born May 12, 1943, in Muncie to James T. and B. Louise (Porter) Lahee. Her father is deceased and her mother survives in LaGrange, Texas.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Patricia Allender and Kathryn and Joseph Dunkel, all of Mongo, and Sloma "Cis" and Russell Main of New Haven; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Rocky and Julie Carr of LaGrange and James Carr of Mongo; a sister, Nancy Harlan of Round Top, Texas; two brothers, Nick Lahee of Rosamond, Calif., and Jaye Lahee of Columbus; 14 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m.

Wednesday at Mongo United Methodist Church in Mongo with the Rev. Joe Freeman officiating. Burial will be at a later date at Mongo Cemetery in Mongo.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday at Mongo United Methodist Church.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Furip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.furipmayfuneralhome.com.

Denis Antrup

ANGOLA — Denis T. Antrup, 61, of Angola died Friday, May 12, 2006, at North Lakes Rehabilitation Center in Merrillville.

Mr. Antrup was born July 10, 1944, in Tampa, Fla., to Charles and Hildred (Todd) Antrup. He was married to Kim Crowl on Sept. 26, 1981, in Fremont. She survives.

He was a former employee of Butler Jack Factory in Butler. He enjoyed NASCAR racing and local racing at the Angola Motor Speedway. He lived most of his life in the Fremont and Steuben County areas. His nickname was the "Can Man," as he would go to baseball games and pick up cans. He loved animals, especially his cats.

Also surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Nedra and Doug Fulk of Fort Wayne; and a brother and sister-in-law, Christen and Molly Antrup of Holland, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, David Antrup, on April 12, 1988.

Services will be at 11 a.m. on May 27 at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Humane Society.

Robert Oberlin

BUTLER — Graveside services for Robert Gordon Oberlin, 80, of Butler will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Butler Cemetery.

Mr. Oberlin died Jan. 2, 2006.

He served as a corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps, landing on Iwo Jima on Feb. 19, 1945. Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz said, "Among the Americans who served on Iwo Jima, uncommon valor was a common virtue."

American Legion Post 202 of Butler will conduct military services at graveside.

H.E. Johnson Funeral Home of Butler is in charge of arrangements.

Isabelle Davis

HAMILTON — Isabelle G. Davis, 94, of Hamilton died Saturday morning, May 13, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Davis was a homemaker and a 50-year member of the Ashley Order of the Eastern Star.

She was born Aug. 20, 1911, in Hamilton to Harlow and Nettie (McClish) Griffith.

On Nov. 4, 1932, she married Winford H. Davis. He preceded her in death on Oct. 4, 1995.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Dick and Jeannette Davis of Rives Junction, Mich., and Bob and Pat Davis of Waterloo; two daughters and sons-in-law, Ruth and Maynard Sanders of Ashley and Margaret and Al Hobson of Spencerville; 13 grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; six stepgreat-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; five nieces; and a nephew.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and a stepbrother.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home & Crematory, 3285 Church St., Hamilton, with Larry Griffith officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home, with an Order of the Eastern Star service at 12:45 p.m.

Condolences may be sent to the family and an online guest book may be signed at www.oberlin-ford.com.

Robert Kibe

CORUNNA — Robert J. Kibe, 46, of Corunna died Monday, May 15, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Kibe was an A.S.E.-certified master technician for 30 years.

He was born April 21, 1960, in Maple Cross, England.

Surviving are his wife, Karen (Sitko) Kibe of Avilla; his father, Joseph Kibe of Corunna; a daughter, Erin L. Kibe of Auburn; a son, Darren Kibe of Auburn; and a stepdaughter, Khishna Thomas of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Margo Kibe, in 1997.

Services will be Wednesday at 7 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Calling will be Wednesday from 3-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Manola Williams

WATERLOO — Manola Ruth Parker Williams, 74, of Waterloo died Tuesday, May 16, 2006, at Hillside Nursing

Home in Willard, Ohio.

Mrs. Williams was a homemaker.

She was born Jan. 17, 1932, in Garrett to Marvin R. Parker and Opal B. (Brown) Parker Haines.

She married Merritt LeRoy Williams on Oct. 30, 1948, and he survives.

Also surviving are two sisters, Leona Greer of Ashley and Carolyn Churchward of Churubusco; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Mary Lou Gilmore and Mariam McNamara; and two brothers, Wilbur J. and Robert W. Parker.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Rex Charles officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from noon-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is being reprinted with new information about the time of the service.

Joshua Weaver

ELWOOD — Joshua A. Weaver, 24, of Elwood died Tuesday, May 16, 2006, at his home.

He was a contractor, working in home construction.

He was born Feb. 3, 1982, in Elwood to Ed Gordon and Teresa Weaver.

Surviving are his mother, Teresa Weaver of Fort Wayne, who has family members and friends in the Auburn area; his father, Ed Gordon of Elwood; the dad who raised him, Dewayne York of Elwood; a son, Anthony Michael; two sisters, Christina York of Gainesville, Fla., and Destiny Gordon of Elwood; two brothers, Justin York of Elwood and Jacob Holst of Fort Wayne; a stepbrother, Chad Gordon of Elwood; his grandparents, Lena Weaver of Elwood and Carl and Louise York of Elwood; and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. in Dunnichay Funeral Home, 1113 S. Anderson St., Elwood, with the Rev. Matthew Miller officiating. Interment will be at Elwood City Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Ivan Lebamoff, former Fort Wayne mayor, dies at 73

FORT WAYNE (AP) — Former Mayor Ivan Lebamoff, who is credited with helping spur redevelopment of the city's downtown during the 1970s, has died. He was 73.

Lebamoff had cancer and his health had worsened in the past week, said his son, Jordan Lebamoff. He died Thursday at the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Lebamoff served one term as the city's mayor from 1972 through 1975 and was Allen County's Democratic Party chairman for many years.

"It's hard to appreciate how bad downtown was when he became mayor," said state Rep. Win Moses, who was Fort Wayne's mayor in the 1980s. "The convention center was just a vacant piece of land, practically."

Lebamoff lost his reelection bid in 1975, then resumed his law practice

until his vision and other health problems became worse during the last four months, said his brother, George Lebamoff.

"He was a good son, a good husband, a good father and a good grandfather, and he served the people of Fort Wayne honorably," George Lebamoff said.

Lebamoff's family emigrated from Macedonia, and he served as the president of the Macedonian Patriotic Organization. He graduated from Fort Wayne's South Side High School in 1950 and from Indiana University in 1954.

Survivors include his wife, Kay; two others sons, Damian Lebamoff of Dayton, Ohio, and Justin Lebamoff of Fort Wayne, and five grandchildren.

A funeral is scheduled for 11 a.m. Monday at St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church.

George Hunter

MARION, Ohio — George Howard Hunter, 72, of Marion, Ohio, died Friday, May 5, 2006, at his home.

Mr.

Hunter was a former employee of the Old Crown Brewery in Fort Wayne.

In 1986, he retired from Hubert



Mr. Hunter

Shovel Co. in Marion. After his retirement, he worked for a number of people in Marion with his lawn care service.

He was a Seventh Day Adventist, an avid reader and a member of book clubs. He enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren.

He was born July 5, 1933, in Dayton, Ohio, to Cashus and Francis (Rammer) Hunter. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Audrey and Gary Strodman of Auburn and Rosalie and John Fugate of Auburn; four grandchildren, Shannon Rowe, Molly Rosenbury, James Hunter and Tiffany Fugate; two stepgrandchildren, Sherrie Fugate and Princes Fugate; eight great-grandchildren; two stepgreat-grandchildren; and his former wife, Pearl McKenny.

A memorial service will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. David Snodderly will officiate. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery at Rome City.

Calling will be Saturday from noon-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Animals knew she was a friend

Ann Browand worked to create humane shelter

BY BILL GISEL

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KENDALLVILLE — If the quality of one's life depends on the legacy it leaves behind, then Ann Browand had a wonderful life.

Mrs. Browand was a wife for her husband, Gene, nearly 58 years; the mother of two children and the grandmother and great-grandmother to eight; and, she was the "knight in shining armor" to countless homeless dogs and cats and other animals who came under her care, both before and after she single-handedly started the Noble County Humane Shelter in 1971.

Well, not exactly single-handedly.

"She couldn't find an address just around the corner," remarked Gene, who accompanied Mrs. Browand on countless rescues of dogs and cats and other animals. "She never had any trouble with an animal, either," he continued.

Mrs. Browand could



Mrs. Browand

befriend any animal, no matter how frightened or abused, he said. Animals "just automatically knew

that she was OK, that she was a friend."

While she loved dogs of any breed, Mrs. Browand's favorite was the St. Bernard. Over the years, she owned five, and her latest, Bear, misses Mrs. Browand nearly as much as Gene.

Mrs. Browand died April 28, after an illness of three years. She was 78.

"We thought she had pneumonia, and it just never would get better," Browand said of his wife's illness. Last October, his wife "really got sick," and they learned she had cancer.

Before her illness prevented her participation, the Humane Society honored Mrs. Browand by naming the

dog kennel of the shelter on Sherman Street the "Room of Hope."

Jennifer Getts, president of the shelter's board of directors, explained: "Our hope is to get all the dogs a home. That was her passion, to get them homes and see that they are taken care of."

"I hope that we can always live up to her ideal of what an animal shelter should be," Getts added.

Margaret Ewing, retired life page editor of The News-Sun, photographed hundreds of dogs and cats that were eligible for adoption at the humane shelter. Ewing said she never met a more dedicated person in any organization than Mrs. Browand.

"It didn't matter that she had a job and worked hard. She would get off work and go out there and work. I always admired her for that," Ewing said.

Long-time shelter worker Sue Abbs said Mrs. Browand "saw the good in every animal ever born" and believed that

for every homeless animal, there was a potential home somewhere.

"She was just a wonderful person that loved animals, and especially dogs," Abbs said.

Former Kendallville Mayor John Riemke recalled Mrs. Browand as the person who "single-handedly took care of a very difficult situation" when there was no humane society and no shelter. Before the shelter, a dog catcher would confine dogs for a brief period in a kennel at the city wastewater treatment plant, and unclaimed animals were shot.

"She didn't want to see any animal destroyed," Riemke said. Mrs. Browand obtained the use of a barn on the Angling Road north of Kendallville to house animals, and she knocked on doors all over the city to obtain donations for food.

"I don't know how she managed, how she got the funds, but she did," Riemke said. "I can remember she would have dogs tied up all over, and in the barn. She just did not want to see them destroyed."

Ruth Strahm

AUBURN — Ruth Strahm, 93, of Auburn died Friday, May 19, 2006, at Wesley Health



Mrs. Strahm

Care in Auburn.

Mrs. Strahm was born April 29, 1913, in Auburn to Charles and Elmira (Draper)

Nagle. She was married to

Philip W. Strahm on Feb. 27, 1940, and he survives.

She was a homemaker and, along with her husband, owned and operated the National 5 & 10 Stores Inc. of Auburn. She was an active member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church. She was a Chi Eta associate member of Sigma Beta Sorority, a member of Auburn Chapter No. 103 of the Order of the Eastern Star and the A.C.D. Women's Club. For many years, she served as treasurer of the Needlework Guild of DeKalb County. She was a charter member of the Charm and Chatter Home Demonstration Club.

Also surviving are a son, Ronald; two grandchildren and a grandson-in-law, Philip Strahm and Shannon and A.J. Harger; a great-granddaughter, Kyann Marie Strahm; a sister, Mildred Close of Auburn; and a brother, Carl Nagle of Carmel.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Dorothy Haite and Esther Close; and a brother, Hobart Nagle.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn, with the Rev. Stephen Kummernus officiating. Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn, and also one hour prior to services at the church on Tuesday.

Burial will be at the Auburn Mausoleum.

Memorials are to the church or the charity of the donor's choice.

Henry Jacobs

VENICE, Fla. — Henry I. Jacobs, 79, of Venice, Fla., died Thursday, May 18, 2006.

Mr. Jacobs worked as a bridge tender on the Hatchett Creek bridge. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8118, American Legion Post 159 and Disabled American Veterans Chapter 101.

He was born March 4, 1927, in Ligonier. He moved to Florida from Wakarusa in 1972.

Surviving are his wife of 42 years, Verna; a son, Michael Jacobs of Garrett; a stepson, Dean Shidler of Venice, Fla.; two stepdaughters, Ann Weaver of Venice and Kathy Searfoss of Syracuse; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be Saturday, June 3, at 2 p.m. at the Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Venice.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Irwin McMillan

GARRETT — Irwin B. "Mac" McMillan, 82, of Garrett died at 10:14 a.m. Sunday, May 21, 2006, in Parkview North Hospital, Fort Wayne.

**Mr. McMillan**

Mr. McMillan worked as a conductor on the B&O Railroad for 40 years, retiring in 1983.

He was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church, the First Christian Church in Auburn, the Garrett Eagles Lodge, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Mr. McMillan was also a member of the United Transportation Union and the former Skirts and Shirts square dance club.

He was born June 14, 1923, in Fort Wayne to Harry I. and Clara (O'Connor) McMillan.

He married Winifred M. Snook on July 10, 1942, in Garrett. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Rodney B. and Pamela McMillan of Virginia Beach, Va., and David J. and Sharon McMillan of New Paris; a daughter, Jodi Alwood of Montgomery, Ala.; five grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and six sisters.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with the Rev. Robert Craig officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett, with military graveside services by the Garrett posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Garrett Presbyterian Church, First Christian Church in Auburn or Parkview Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

Martha Harding

AVILLA — Martha Anna Harding, 96, of Avilla died Sunday, May 21, 2006, at Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Harding was a homemaker. She graduated from Auburn High School in 1927 and attended Manchester College.

She was a member of Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren in rural Garrett. She loved the outdoors, music, flowers and art.

She was born March 18, 1910, in LaOtto to Claude F. and Mary I. (Hodgden) Hanson. They preceded her in death.

Her husband, Roland G. Harding Sr., preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters, Rosalie Renkenberger of St. Joe and Carol Ann Wagner of Garrett; three sons, Kenneth Harding of Auburn, Daniel Harding of Corunna and Leland Harding of Fort Wayne; a brother, Marvin E. of Iowa; 17 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a son, Roland G. Harding Jr.; and two sisters, Ruth Weise and Florence Bloom.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren, 5952 C.R. 7, Garrett. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Memorials are to the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren and Eckhart Public Library in Auburn.

Adrienne Carter

AUBURN — Adrienne (Stearman) Carter, 80, of Auburn died Sunday, May 21, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Carter was a legal secretary and a court recorder in Ohio County, Ky. She was a graduate of Bowling Green University in Kentucky.

**Mrs. Carter**

She was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, whose faith was her life. She enjoyed teaching Sunday school and camping with her family.

She was born Jan. 13, 1926, in Centertown, Ky., to Alvin and Florine (Miller) Stearman. Her parents preceded her in death.

She married Ray Carter on June 30, 1942, in Sacramento, Ky. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David and Karen Carter of Auburn; three daughters and sons-in-law, Joyce and Mike Pettis of Angola, Karen and Steve Baut of Indianapolis and Beth and Jim Martin of Auburn; eight grandchildren and their spouses, Scott and Wendy Pettis, Andrea Pettis, Allison Baut, Christopher Baut, Matthew Carter, Audria Carter,

Josh Martin and Zach Martin; and two great-grandchildren, Paige Pettis and Caden Pettis.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Dr. Leslie Moody will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Grace Baptist Church or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is being rerun with a correction in the date of the memorial service.

George Hunter

MARION, Ohio — A memorial service for George Howard Hunter will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Calling will be Saturday from noon-1 p.m. at the funeral home.



Mr. Hunter

Mr. Hunter, 72, of Marion, Ohio, died Friday, May 5, 2006, at his home.

He was a former employee of the Old Crown Brewery in Fort Wayne. In 1986, he retired from Hubert Shovel Co. in Marion. After his retirement, he worked for a number of people in Marion with his lawn care service.

He was a Seventh Day Adventist, an avid reader and a member of book clubs. He enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren.

He was born July 5, 1933, in Dayton, Ohio, to Cashus and Francis (Rammer) Hunter. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Audrey and Gary Strødtman of Auburn and Rosalie and John Fugate of Auburn; four grandchildren, Shannon Rowe, Molly Rosenbury, James Hunter and Tiffany Fugate; two stepgrandchildren, Sherrie Fugate and Frinces Fugate; eight great-grandchildren; two stepgreat-grandchildren; and his former wife, Pearl McKinney.

The Rev. David Snodderly will officiate at Saturday's memorial service. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery at Rome City.

Memorials are to the family.

Robert Thompson

AUBURN — Robert Kendall Thompson, 47, died Sunday, May 21, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Thompson was born in Huntington and had lived at Resident Care for the past 28 years, receiving loving care from his caregivers.

Surviving are his mother, Carolyn Toner of Tampa, Fla.; his father, Karl C. Thompson of Dawson Creek, British Columbia, Canada; a brother, David Thompson of Sarasota, Fla.; and two sisters, Cynthia Thompson of Apollo Beach, Fla., and Elizabeth Thompson of Tampa.

He was preceded in death by a brother, William Thompson in 1992; and his grandparents, Russell and Ruth Thompson and Everett and Bertha Bigelow.

Services will be Wednesday at 3 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with Pastor Jerry Felts officiating. Burial will be in Lancaster Cemetery at Andrews.

Calling will be Wednesday from 1-3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

Dorothy Moody

HEPHZIBAH, Ga. — Dorothy Moody, 81, of Hephzibah, Ga., died Sunday, May 21, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Moody lived in Waterloo for 28 years before moving to Georgia in 1999.

Surviving are her husband, Manley Moody; two daughters, Connie Burke of Auburn and her fiancé, Denver Kimpel, and Kay Hill of Riverside, Calif.; a son, William Moody of Wauseon, Ohio; four brothers, including Steve Simmering of Butler; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Burial will be Friday in Greenview, Ill.

Gladys Klausing

GARRETT — Gladys Marie (Dannenberg) Klausing, 89, of Garrett died Tuesday, May 23, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Klausing retired from Lynn Koehlinger Co. in Fort Wayne after 38 1/2 years

of service as a computer operator and bookkeeper. She also worked at General Electric in Fort Wayne and at Nature's Rival and Hardware Engineering in Garrett.

She had lived since Nov. 24, 1938, at her Garrett home, located one-half mile from her birth home.

She was born Dec. 17, 1916, to John and Sarah (Peters) Dannenberg.

She was married to John Klausing on Nov. 24, 1938, in the Garrett Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church by the Rev. Walter Klausing and the Rev. Alfred Lueders. Her husband preceded her in death.

Surviving are seven nephews, Wayne Funk of Garrett, Robert Dannenberg of Fort Wayne, Stanley Dannenberg of California, David Dannenberg of California, John Cutter of South Bend, Larry Funk of Spencerville and Donald Funk of Connersville; and two nieces, Linda Burnhart of Fort Wayne and Marge Arnold of Decatur.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Dorothy Cutter, Irene Odenkirk and Hilda Funk; and two brothers, Harold Dannenberg and Delbert Dannenberg, who was killed on Okinawa during World War II.



Mrs. Klausing

Services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. in the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1349 S. Randolph St., Garrett, with the Rev. Jeffery Horn officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Friday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Zion Lutheran Church.

Alma Amburgey

EMMALENA, Ky. — Alma Jean Amburgey, 50, of Emmalena died Monday, May 22, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington.

Mrs. Amburgey was born July 13, 1955, to Bill and Emmaline (Ritchie) Patrick.

Surviving are her husband, Ray Amburgey; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Chris and LaDawn Amburgey of Lotts Creek, Ky., Shane and TeShauna Amburgey of Cumberland, Ky., and Kyle Amburgey of Emmalena; five brothers and sisters-in-law, Glenn and Joan Patrick of LaGrange, Talbert and Joy Patrick of Wawaka, Joe Lee and Gladys Carter of Clear Creek, Ky., Donnie and Edna Patrick of Talcum, Ky., and Daniel and Pat Patrick of Lexington; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Ilene and Willis Dobson of Auburn, Lillie Slone of Lexington and Mary Ann Ritchie of Mt. Sterling, Ky.; two uncles, Carl Ritchie and Estill Ritchie; and two grandchildren, Chase and Christa.

Services will be at 1 p.m.

Friday at Montgomery Baptist Church with Ricky Smith and Randall Short officiating. Burial will be in Combs Cemetery at Emmalena.

Calling will be after 6 p.m. today and all day Thursday at Hindman Funeral Services Chapel, with a service at 7 p.m. each day.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hindmanfuneralservices.com.

Larry Randolph

FORT WAYNE — Larry L. Randolph, 71, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, May 23, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Randolph was a board member of the National Automotive and Truck Museum of the United States in



Mr. Randolph

Auburn and had a love of antique cars.

He retired from The Medical Protective Co. with 35 years of service.

He was past president of the Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society and played a key role in restoring the Nickel-Plate 765 locomotive.

He fought a long battle with ALS and was a member of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church.

He was born Feb. 1, 1935, in Huntington and was a graduate of New Haven High School.

Surviving are his wife, Darlene Randolph of Fort Wayne; three sons and daughters-in-law, Scott and Joanne Randolph and Darrell and Charlene Randolph, all of Fort Wayne, and Dr. Todd and Laura Randolph of Park City, Utah; seven grandchildren, Erica, Jena, Alyssa, Chelsea, Connor, Ally and Renae; and a brother and sister-in-law, Ronald and Valentina Randolph of Fort Wayne.

Helen Booth

HOWE — Helen A. Glotfelty Booth, 80, of Howe and McHenry, Md., died Wednesday, May 24, 2006, at McHenry.

Mrs. Booth was owner/operator of Double G Ranch in McHenry. She was a member of McHenry United Methodist Church and McHenry United Methodist Woman. She had held various church offices.

She was active with the Garrett County Fair.

Mrs. Booth was born July 3, 1925, in Accident, Md., to Harry P. and Altha (Hockman) Collier.

Mrs. Booth was owner/operator of Double G Ranch in McHenry. She was a member of McHenry United

Methodist Church and McHenry United Methodist Woman. She had held various church offices.

She was active with the Garrett County Fair.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, 4700 Vance Ave., Fort Wayne,

with the Rev. Phillip Emerson officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne, and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the ALS Foundation or the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church.

Surviving are her husband, William P. Booth; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Denny and Sandy Glotfelty and Warren and Addie Glotfelty, all of McHenry, and John Glotfelty of Greensburg, Pa.; a stepson, W. Print Booth of Howe; two stepdaughters, Barbara Lehmer and Karmen Booth, both of Phoenix, Ariz.; a sister Joanne Durst of Accident, Md.; five grandchildren, nine stepgrandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Gerald Glotfelty, and a sister, Leah Brenneman.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in McHenry United Methodist Church with the Rev. Bill Dawson officiating. Burial will be in Garrett County Memorial Gardens in Oakland, Md.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today and Friday at Newman Funeral Homes, P.A., 26722 Garrett Highway, Accident, Md., and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Northern Garrett County Rescue Squad, McHenry United Methodist Church or Hospice of Garrett County.

Condolences may be sent online to www.newmanfuneral-homes.com.

Loran Growcock

LIGONIER — Loran Dean Growcock, 47, of Ligonier died at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 24, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Growcock was a lifetime area resident and owner of Loran's Body Shop in Albion.

He was a member of the Millersburg RC Club. He enjoyed watching NASCAR racing events.

Mr. Growcock loved working on cars and spending time with his family and friends.

He was born April 7, 1959, in Goshen to Deo and Judy (Smith) Growcock. They are deceased.

Surviving are his finance and longtime companion, Sandra Bankson of Ligonier; a daughter, Toni (Bankson) Power and her husband, Tom Power, of Nevada; three brothers and a sister-in-law, Rod Growcock of Goshen, Larry and Dina Growcock of Italy and Blane Growcock of Elkhart; three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. June 10 at the Needler residence, 69674 C.R. 21, New Paris.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.



Mr. Growcock

Marjorie Eldridge

CHICAGO — Marjorie E. Eldridge, 87, of Chicago died Wednesday, May 24, 2006, at Bethany Methodist Hospital in Chicago.

She worked as a secretary for the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Education in Chicago for more than 50 years, retiring in 1982.

She was born June 3, 1918, in Garrett to Walter I. and Edna M. (May) Eldridge.

Surviving are a sister, Sarah Jean Eldridge of Garrett, and a brother-in-law, Dale L. DePew of Garrett.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Lucile DePew.

Graveside services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Sedan Cemetery in rural Corunna. The Rev. David Mix will officiate.

There will be no calling Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is being rerun with additional surviving relatives.

Jack Farver Sr.

WATERLOO — Jack M. Farver Sr., 68, died May 16, 2006, at Beverly Rehab.

Mr. Farver was a millwright for 30 years for Local Union 1029.

He was born June 25, 1937, in Hamilton.

Surviving are his wife, Lottie; a daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl and Otto Alleshouse; a son, Jack Farver Jr.; a brother and sister-in-law, Larry and Judy Farver; a sister-in-law, Beverly Farver; nephews, nieces and their spouses, Stan and Diane Logan, Bob and Jerry Farver, Dan and Ruth Farver, Breck and Julie Farver, Pam and John Kissinger, Mark and Melanie Farver, Ken and Dawn Farver and Eric Farver; and his grandchildren, Mellisa, Crystal, Ryan and Lee.

A memorial service will be Saturday at 6 p.m. in Crosswood Center, 5355 C.R. 35, Auburn.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., 17th Floor, Chicago, IL 60601.

Advantage Funeral and Cremation Services, 2403 E. Wallen Road, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Holtzman spent adventurous life

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LAKE CHARLES — Clark Holtzman loved a good adventure.

And he spent his whole life having them — as the owner of his own unique business, a pilot, a merchant marine, a motorcyclist and a member of the Peace Corps.

Mr. Holtzman died at his Lake Charles home on May 12. He was 89.

He spent 67 years with his wife, Dorothy Louise Bade, whom he married on Aug. 11, 1937 (Dorothy survives and still lives at Lake Charles). The Holtzmans came to Angola in 1951 from Napoleon, Ohio, to open Holtzman Hatchery, a business that provided poultry to a three-state area. They raised six children.

"He later added the Angola Feed Mill, located on the west side of the city, across the tracks from the present site of Tri-State College (University)," a life history Suzy and Jon wrote for their father said. "He and his wife operated Garden City Depot. He later headed Holtzman Construction."

In 1973, the Holtzmans decided to take their life together in a totally new direction. Though they were near 60, they joined the Peace Corps — first traveling to serve on assignments in Peru, Botswana and Sierra Leone. While serving with the Peace Corps in South America and Africa, Mr. Holtzman drew on his personal experiences to teach the people there such skills as animal husbandry and construction.

"They were there in Peru

for the big earthquake that happened in the '70s or '80s," Suzy remembered. "Then they got through that and were there when the politics there changed ... the Peace Corps were all accused of being CIA and they were escorted out of the country by men holding machine guns."

Mr. Holtzman picked up a love of motorcycle riding while he was in Botswana, learning "to ride a motorcycle as transportation in the African bush," his children wrote. "He eventually took trips to Texas, the Blue Ridge Parkway to Atlanta, and through Canada to Alaska."

"He just sold his motorcycle when he was 85," Suzy said.

But by bike wasn't the only way Mr. Holtzman liked to travel. When he was young, he was an "enthusiastic aviator," his children wrote. Before moving to Angola, he owned a baby chick sexing operation in Napoleon, and would use his own airplane to travel to jobs throughout Indiana, Ohio and Michigan.

"He was taught to fly by a barnstormer after World War II and regularly landed in fields and pastures outside of small towns to get assignments," his children wrote.

During World War II, Mr. Holtzman was a member of the Merchant Marines.

As they got older, the Holtzmans discontinued working with the Peace Corps, but traveled to the Central African Republic as members of the Lutheran World Global Mission to help build a church, guest hotel and parsonage. When they returned to the states, they

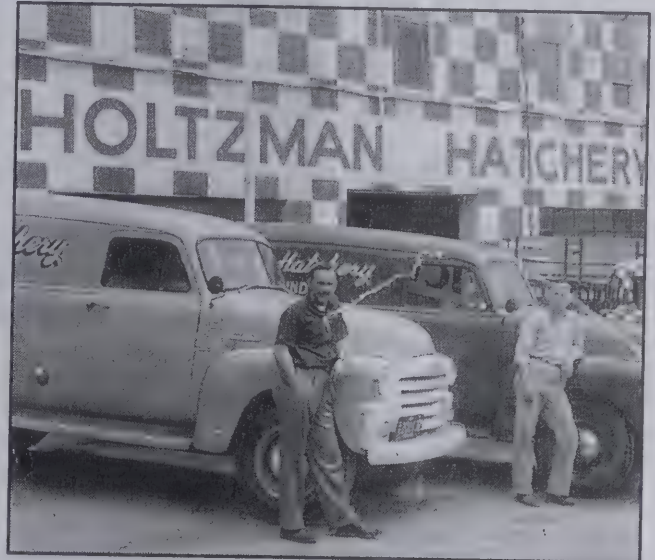


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Clark Holtzman stands outside the Holtzman Hatchery in Angola in an undated photo. Holtzman, who died May 12, opened the Hatchery in 1951. He sold the business in 1973 and joined the Peace Corps when he was in his 50s.

joined the Mission Builders in northern Georgia to assist with the building of a Lutheran mission church.

Courtesy of Jon, Mr. Holtzman came to know that he had American roots that traced all the way back to the American Revolution.

"My dad's uncle was a member of the SAR (Sons of the American Revolution)," Suzy said. "My dad never pursued it, but Jon's been doing research since he retired."

That research turned up several interesting facts — Mr. Holtzman's great-great-grandfather, John Deaver, served as a lieutenant in the 3rd Maryland Regiment during the American Revolution, participating in campaigns at Brunswick,

White Plains, Philadelphia and Germantown.

His great-great-grandfather, George Holtzman, was a Baltimore militiaman during the War of 1812, carrying powder to cannons at Fort McHenry during the British attack.

"It was during this attack that Frances Scott Key, a prisoner on a British ship in the harbor, witnessed the flag still waving in the morning and wrote 'The Star Spangled Banner,'" Jon wrote.

Mr. Holtzman was also related to Johns Hopkins, founder of Johns Hopkins Hospital and University.

Suzy said there will never be another man like her beloved father.

"He was one of a dying breed," she said. "A pioneer of sorts."

Gene De La Cruz

SYRACUSE — Gene De La Cruz, 46, of Syracuse died Thursday, May 25, 2006, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

He worked for Rinker Boat Company in Syracuse, and he enjoyed hunting, fishing, and coaching little league and softball for many teams in the area.

Mr. De La Cruz was a graduate of West Noble High School.

He was born April 1, 1960, in Napoleon, Ind., to Carlos and Elvira (Ramos) De La Cruz Sr.

On April 18, 1997, he married Bridget Oglesbee. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Jeremy, stationed in Little Rock, Ark., with the U.S. Air Force; a daughter and son-in-law, Jacki and Joey Ferny of Palestine, Ind.; three stepchildren, Beth West of Goshen, Betsy Howard and husband Josh of Warsaw, and Bobbie and Justine Davis of Syracuse; seven grandchildren; his mother, Elvira De La Cruz of Larwill; four sisters, Mary Gaerte of Pierceton, Esther Black of Pierceton, Virginia Halsey of Syracuse and Eloise Cassidy of North Webster; and two brothers, Fred De La Cruz of Butler and Carlos De La Cruz of Larwill.

Preceding him in death were his father; a daughter, Jenny; a brother Juan; and a sister, Lilly.

Services will be at noon today at the Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home in Syracuse.

Memorials are to the family.

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Mildred Shultz

FORT WAYNE — Mildred K. Shultz, 73, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, May 27, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born July 19, 1932, in Grant Township of DeKalb County, near Waterloo, as the second of 10 children born to Joseph and Zelda Kessler.

She was known as a dedicated and loving wife and mother who was devoted to her husband in the pursuit of his career. She was considered generous, unselfish and compassionate. In addition to loving her family, she had a passion for golf and enjoyed traveling and lake life.

In previous years, she was an active volunteer for the Allen County Children's Home, Big Brothers Big Sisters and Messiah Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her husband of 51 years, Richard Shultz of Fort Wayne; three daughters and their husbands, Cynthia and Gary Andrew of Wolcottville, Leslie Sample of Fort Wayne and Laura and Michael Sellers of Orlando, Fla.; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, William and Jean Kessler, Joseph and Diane Kessler,

James and Diane Kessler and Keith Kessler, all of DeKalb County; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Theresa and Robert Young, Marlene Wasson and Linda and Harold Harris, all of DeKalb County; and a brother-in-law, Robert Haywood.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Isabelle and Ivan Knapp and Luanne Haywood; a son-in-law, Leonard Sample; and a brother-in-law, Harold Wasson.

Services were today at 11 a.m. in Messiah Lutheran Church, 7211 Stellhorn Road, Fort Wayne. Burial was in Butler Cemetery.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Dennis McDarby

MORRISTOWN — Dennis J. McDarby, 83, of Morristown died Monday, May 22, 2006, at Manor Care South in Indianapolis.

Mr. McDarby graduated from Auburn High School in 1942 and from the University of St. Louis.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps, serving as a lieutenant and pilot during World War II. He was a member of the 305th Bomb Group and a former prisoner of war.

He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and a life member of the American Legion and the 8th Air Force Historical Society.

He had been a supervisor at Freudenberg-NOK in Shelbyville and Morristown, retiring in 1985.

He was born March 30, 1923, in St. Louis, Mo., to Neal and Virginia (Calvin) McDarby. His father served as an executive of the Auburn Automobile Co.

He married Patricia Kain of Auburn in 1946, and she preceded him in death in 1960. He married Julia A. Redmon on July 21, 1984, and she survives.

Also surviving are a brother-in-law, Roger Kain of Auburn; two sons and a daughter-in-law; five daughters and three sons-in-law; a brother; a sister; six grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, a brother and a sister.

Service were conducted Saturday in Morristown. Burial was in Asbury Cemetery with military rites.

Memorials are to the National Brain Tumor Foundation in care of Freeman Family Funeral Homes, Frazier Chapel, 124 E. North St., Morristown, IN 47171 or the Shelbyville-Shelby County Animal Shelter, 705 Hale Road, Shelbyville, IN 46176.

Online condolences may be posted at www.freemanfamily-funeralhomes.com.

David Cooper

ANGOLA — David C. Cooper, 65, of Hog Back Lake, Angola died Saturday, May 27, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Cooper was employed as a CNC operator at Auburn Gear.

He was born Jan. 30, 1941, in Auburn. His parents, Lucian C. Cooper and Hilda (LaMarr) Fankhauser, preceded him in death.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sabrina M. and Richard Govin of Montpelier, Ohio; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Cynthia Dealy of California and Brenda and Kenney Thomas of Toledo, Ohio; a brother, John Fankhauser of California; and three grandchildren, Brian C. Likens of Montpelier, Ohio, Kristi M. Likens of Auburn and Jasmine B. Govin of Defiance, Ohio.

He was preceded by a sister, Cathy Black; and a stepmother, Wilma Cooper.

There will be no services.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Richard Brown

GARRETT — Richard L. "Dick" Brown, 71, of Garrett died Monday, May 29, 2006, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Brown was a warehouse manager for Irmscher and Sons Construction in Fort Wayne. He was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of Laborers International Union Local 213.

He was born Jan. 19, 1935, in DeKalb County to Elsworth and Merle (LaRowe) Brown.

He married Ann M. Vallieu on Feb. 19, 1960, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Elizabeth Brown of Butler, Kathy Brown of Waterloo and Patricia and Robert Thain of Butler; four sisters, Luella Aschleman of Auburn, Geraldine Clark of Auburn, Norma Dickson of Garrett and Sue Bock of Garrett; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Howard Brown, Clyde Brown, Clarence Brown and Edwin Brown.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Jeff Horn officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn with a graveside military service conducted by the Garrett post of the American Legion.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

Phyllis Simcox

GARRETT — Phyllis R. Simcox, 82, of Garrett died Monday, May 29, 2006, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mrs.

Simcox worked as a beautician from 1943-1952 and worked at Electric Motors in Garrett from 1952-1962.



Mrs. Simcox

She was a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett, the Angola Women of the Moose and the United Transportation Union Ladies Auxiliary.

She graduated from Hanna High School in Hanna, Ind., in 1941 and from Warner Beauty College in 1943.

She was born in Davenport, Iowa, on Aug. 3, 1923, to William and Emma (Arndt) Breseke.

She married Charles F. Simcox on Feb. 7, 1948, in Fort Wayne, and he survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jody and Jim McKinley of Noblesville; a sister, Betty Fiore of New Jersey; a nephew, Grant Breseke of LaPorte; and four grandchildren, William, Charles and Kristin O'Hara and Michael Cooper.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Alvin Breseke, Edward Arndt and Richie Boran.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Shriners Hospital.

Brenda Davis

HAMILTON — Brenda Lee Davis, 40, of Hamilton died Sunday, May 28, 2006.

She was born Oct. 6, 1965, in Lexington, Ky., to Allen Davis and Agness (Hall) Honaker. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her stepfather, Paul Honaker of Angola; a daughter, Jennifer Davis of Hamilton; a son, Christopher Eb of Chicago; her companion, Mark Bliss of Hamilton; her grandmother, Mable (Berryman) Durham of Lexington, Ky.; two brothers, Timothy and Rusty Davis, both of Fort Myers, Fla.; four stepbrothers, Alan Honaker of Angola, Danny Honaker of Butler, Bernie Honaker of Swansboro, N.C., and Gary Honaker of West Palm Beach, Fla.; and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father and a sister, Debra Davis.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling will be Thursday from 5-7 p.m. at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to the family.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is being reprinted with a correction in the name of a surviving relative.

George Davis

HAMILTON — George Wendell Davis, 83, of Hamilton died Monday, May 29, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Davis had suffered from colon cancer and had been residing at the nursing home since his surgery in April.



Mr. Davis

He was born Nov. 18, 1922, on the Davis family farm in section 10 of Otsego Township in Steuben County. He was the youngest of three children born to Frank and Alma (Beard) Davis. His paternal grandparents were Frank and Harriett (Schmeiser) Davis, and his maternal grandparents were Gates and Louisa (Rummel) Beard.

Known as Wendell by his close friends and family, he attended grade school in Metz until the third grade. He then attended grade school in Hamilton and graduated from Hamilton High School in 1940.

In 1938, at the Metz Church of Christ in Metz, he professed his faith to God and was baptized under the ministry of the Rev. G. Halleck Rowe.

Following high school, he farmed with his father on the family farm.

On Aug. 31, 1957, at the home of James H. Kunce, he married Marabelle Kunce, with the Rev. William Chowning officiating.

Following his marriage, he worked for different employers in the area: The Butler Co. and Hendrickson Suspension, both in Butler, and the Auburn Hardware Warehouse in Auburn. In 1963, he started working for Dana Corp. Spicer Clutch Division in Auburn. He remained there until his retirement on Dec. 1, 1986.

He was a member of the Hamilton Fish and Game Club.

Surviving are his wife; a son and daughter-in-law, James L. and Carol Davis of Hamilton; a daughter, Rosalie A. Davis of Grabill; a grandson, Benton H. Davis of Hamilton; and an older sister, Ruth E. (Davis) Kunkel of Hamilton.

He was preceded in death by an older brother, Raymond Lyle Davis, in 1919; his mother, Alma, in 1959; and his father, Frank, in 1970.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Jeff Alexander officiating. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery of Angola.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is being reprinted with a correction in the name of a surviving relative.

Judy Stoy

HUDSON — Judy Ann Stoy, 61, of rural Hudson died Sunday, May 28, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Stoy was a teacher for 22 years in the DeKalb Eastern school district. She was a member of Cedar Lake Church of Christ in Waterloo, where she was very active and taught Sunday school.

She was born April 23, 1945, in Phoenix, Ariz., to Robert and Jean (Anderson) Kuckuck. Her parents survive in Fort Wayne.

She married Larry Stoy on Jan. 4, 1964, at the Church of Christ in Angola. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Ken and Melanie Stoy of Pleasant Lake, Kevin and Bridget Stoy of Ashley and Tom and Megan Stoy of Hudson; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Jeanette and Elery Kimes of Houston and Mary Alice and Jim Turner of Fort Wayne; a brother, Carl Kuckuck of Roanoke; and eight grandchildren, Megan, Emily Rose, Emily Clara, Elizabeth, Abby, Hannah, Katie and Olivia.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Joshua Duane Stoy.

Services were today at 11 a.m. in the Cedar Lake Church of Christ in rural Waterloo, with Steve Evans officiating. Burial was in Circle Cemetery of Hudson.

Memorials are to the Cedar Lake Church of Christ elevator fund or Parkview Memorial Hospice.

Larry Lamle

AUBURN — Larry R. “Wimp” Lamle, 69, of Auburn died Tuesday, May 30, 2006, at his home.

Born in Fort Wayne, Mr. Lamle retired from Auburn Gear after 32 years of service.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1954 to 1957. He was a member of American Legion Post 97 in Auburn, the Auburn Elks lodge and the W-M Employees Federal Credit Union Board of Directors.

Surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Randy and Lisa Lamle of Auburn, Todd Lamle of Auburn and Travis Lamle of Spring Hill, Fla.; four grandchildren, Cody, Desirae, Skyler and Ty; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Nancy Hile of Churubusco and Penny and Wayne Stahle of North Carolina.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Heart Association.



Mr. Lamle

Troy Hess

AUBURN — Troy L. Hess, 37, of Auburn died Wednesday, May 31, 2006, at 10 p.m. at his residence.

Born July 20, 1968, in Auburn, he was an excavator for Hess Companies and a member of the Immaculate Church Catholic Church in Auburn.



Mr. Hess

Surviving are his parents, Jerry L. Hess of Auburn and Patricia A. (Vogel) Hess of Crooked Lake, Angola; a daughter, Nicole L. Hess of Butler; a brother and sister-in-law, Scott G. and Lisa Hess of Auburn; a sister and brother-in-law, Taya A. and Ryan Myers of Garrett; two nephews, Stacy Hess of Auburn and Drayton Myers of Garrett; a niece, Tyler Hess of Auburn; and a special friend, Ellen Lohse of Auburn.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with Father Babacino Fernandez officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-8 p.m. and Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Memorials are to the Nicole Hess Education Fund.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

Donald Greenawalt

AUBURN — Donald H. Greenawalt, 86, of Auburn died Wednesday, May 31, 2006, in Fort Wayne.

Mr.

Greenawalt worked as the parts department manager for L.G.

Maxton Sales in Angola for 16 years and for Rohm Chevrolet,

Buick, Olds in Auburn for 19 years, retiring in 1981.

He served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and was a member of American Legion Post 97 in Auburn.

He graduated from Purdue University in 1941 and was very active in the Auburn Missionary Church.

He was born Nov. 4, 1919, in LaGrange County to Elvie R. and Ida (Harp) Greenawalt. His parents preceded him in death.

On June 11, 1944, in Stroh, he married Bonnie Aloma Zeis. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Nevin and Glenn Harmison of Elkhart, Darla Dumas and Dr. Thomas Dumas of Fort Wayne and Marisa Newhouse and Dr. Mark Newhouse of Corning, N.Y.; and six grandchildren, Eric and Brian Harmison, Laura Dumas and Benjamin, Andrew and Meredith Newhouse.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. James Pearson will officiate. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery at LaGrange.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.



Mr. Greenawalt

Robert Wilson

FORT WAYNE — Robert B. "Bob" Wilson, 61, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, May 31, 2006, at Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

He was born Feb. 8, 1945, in El Paso, Texas, and was a machinist and welder, retiring from Tube Corp. in 1997. He was a member of the Waynedale United Methodist Church. He loved fishing, NASCAR and working in the yard.

Surviving are his wife, Elizabeth A. Wilson of Fort Wayne; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Ronald R. and Jenny Wilson of Fort Wayne, David E. Fivecoate Jr. of Corunna, Mark A. and Toni Fivecoate of Ladsen, S.C., and Stephen G. and Tammy Fivecoate of Fort Wayne; two daughters and a son-in-law, Robyn T. Graham of Fort Wayne and Sherri A. and Grant Passwater of LaOtto; a brother, Richard T. Wilson III of El Paso, Texas; and 12 grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Waynedale United Methodist Church, 2501 Church St., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Prairie Grove Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne and one hour prior to services Monday at the church.

Memorials are to Pancreatic Cancer Research or Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Leo Bixler

GARRETT — Leo H. Bixler, 96, of Garrett and formerly of Churubusco died Thursday, June 1, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett, where he had been a patient for the past three weeks.

Mr. Bixler was born in Monroe Township, Adams County on Jan. 24, 1910, to Eli and Grace (Rickner) Bixler. He was married in Fort Wayne on Nov. 19, 1938, to Dorothea L. Wenner. She preceded him in death on June 16, 2003.

He served with the U.S. Army during World War II in central Europe and the Rhineland. He and his wife moved to Churubusco in 1949.

He was employed at Phelps Dodge Magnet Wire Co. in Fort Wayne, and retired from the company's INCA division as an insulator in 1975. He had also worked at the Indiana Auto Auction in Fort Wayne for seven years.

He was a member of the Churubusco United Methodist Church and the Gilbert Davis American Legion Post No. 157 in Churubusco.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Lorraine A. and Neal Zolman of Garrett; a sister, Faye of Sidney, Ohio; two granddaughters and grandsons-in-law, Della and Tony Thompson of Auburn and Doreen and Chet Brown of Garrett; and five great-grandchildren, Gabrielle Thompson, Matea Thompson, Ross Thompson, Tori Brown and Elli Brown.



Mr. Bixler

He was also preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Leota Bixler, Martha Yost and Mildred Corson; and two brothers, Raymond Bixler and Gerald Bixler.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. E. Vaughn Powell officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m.

Burial with graveside military rites will be in Riverview Cemetery south of Churubusco.

Memorials are to Miller's Merry Manor.

Condolences can be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Delsie Hess

STURGIS, Mich. — Delsie Agnes Hess, 65, of Sturgis, Mich. died Thursday, June 1, 2006, at home after an extended illness.

Mrs. Hess was born in Steuben County on Nov. 18, 1940, to George and Arlene (Phillips) Wisel. She had lived in Sturgis for one year, moving from Shipshewana.

She had been a jail guard at Knott County Jail, and was last employed as a security guard for Newman Foundry in Kendallville.

She was a member of the Baptist church. She enjoyed crocheting and asparagus hunting.

Surviving are eight children and their spouses, Rhonda Huff of Lexington, Ky., Gladys and Galene Crafts of Sturgis, Mich., Mary Kinsinger of Shipshewana, Patricia and Pat Ferguson and Cadena Hopkins, all of Elkhart, Tracy Morrow of Waterloo and Lacasta Hess and Travis Hess, both of Auburn; 36 grandchildren, including a special granddaughter she raised, Shila Slope of Butler; 27 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Alice Cook of Kendallville and Georgette Berry of Spencerville; and three brothers, Gaylan Ned Wisel and Edward Wisel, both of Garrett, and George E. Wisel of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a grandchild; five great-grandchildren; and two husbands, Herbert Edward Maurer and Walter Daniel Hess.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the House of Prayer Church, Corunna, with the Rev. Earl Tackett officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Farrand Funeral Home, White Pigeon, Mich., and from noon to 2 p.m. at the church on Monday.

Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery.

Joe Parker understood people and friendship

BY BILL GISEL

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KENDALLVILLE — Joe

Parker's most recent profession may have been in auctioneering, but for many people who knew him well, he will be remembered most for his understanding of people and being a supportive friend.

Mr. Parker, who died May 3 at the age of 72, worked in industry as well as public service before operating Joseph L. Parker Auctioneers for more than 30 years. His partner in business and in life was his wife, Madelynne.

"I appreciated the way he worked with people," said Dr. Tom Jansen, who said he had known Mr. Parker since childhood.

"At an auction, he made you feel a part of what was happening, even if you weren't a buyer," Jansen said. "He made it known that you were important, and he made it fun."

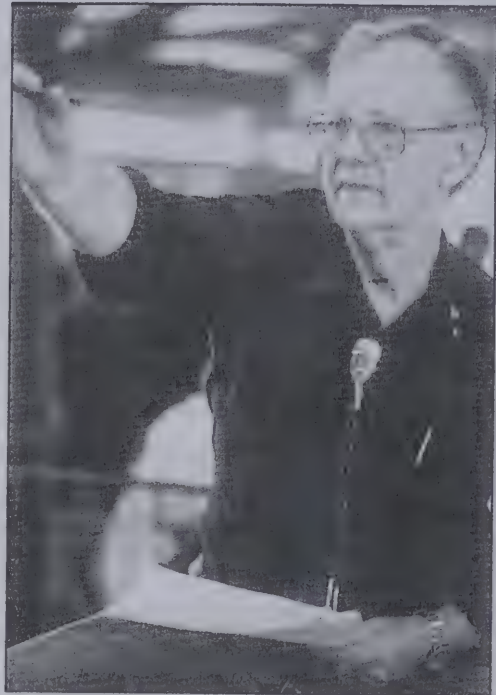
Jansen worked closely with Mr. Parker on the board of directors of the Apple Festival of Kendallville, and Jansen said he was most impressed by Mr. Parker's knack for understanding the needs of the vendors, and how meeting those needs was important to the success of the festival.

Mr. Parker was involved with the festival from the start, when it was but a dream of Barb Kelly and several others who planned and executed the first festival.

"He was there from the beginning," Kelly said of her friend. "He was the heart and soul. He was always looking out for the best interest of the festival."

"He loved what it was all about," Kelly continued. Mr. Parker's first interest was in the antique area, but he moved into taking care of the primitive area and proved to be the greatest asset of that popular activity, she said.

Mr. Parker was known as "Buckeye Joe" when he put



FILE PHOTO

Joe Parker works at a past Noble County 4-H Fair auction, where he volunteered his services as an auctioneer. Mr. Parker, who died May 3, also is known as the man whose "vision" sealed the success of the annual Kendallville Apple Festival.

on his primitive garb. His son, Bill Parker, also is involved with the festival and is chairman of the Pioneer Craft Village committee.

Kelly said Mr. Parker "was always there for me personally." Not being a native of the community, she said, "I was a new face. Joe gave me insights I wouldn't have otherwise had."

"He made the festival what it is. He was very selflessly devoted," Kelly said.

Cheri Bherns, a past festival president who has been involved with the Apple Festival for 12 years, said she

appreciated Mr. Parker for his opinion on all things.

"When we were making a decision on something, he always made us think about what we were trying to accomplish. He kept us on track," she said.

Festival coordinator Amanda Taylor said a couple of volunteers are working on a tribute to Mr. Parker, for use in this year's festival publication.

"He was an amazing man, who had the vision to carry the festival to where it is," Taylor said. "He is going to be missed; already it doesn't seem the same without him."

Richard Lieberenz Sr.

AUBURN — Richard Lee Lieberenz Sr., 67, of Auburn died Saturday, June 3, 2006, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mr. Lieberenz retired in 2001 from Rollins Trucking after more than 35 years as a professional truck driver.

He also drove a trucks from 1962 to 1979 for McCray Refrigeration and from 1979 to 1992 for No-Sag.



Mr. Lieberenz

He was well-known in Kendallville for portraying Santa Claus for 25 years.

He built and raced street stock cars, and raced in Avilla and Angola for many years. He loved NASCAR, fishing and hunting.

Mr. Lieberenz was a member of Harbor of Love Baptist Church near Kendallville and loved to read his Bible. He also belonged to the Moose Lodge in the past and served in the U.S. Army National Guard Reserves.

On July 29, 1938, he was born near South Milford in LaGrange County to Ivan and Ruth Violet (Troop) Lieberenz.

He was first married to Lillie Mae Robinson. She preceded him in death on Jan. 3, 1989.

He then married Carole Anne Kable in 1991, and she preceded him in death on Nov. 12, 2004.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Lisa Lieberenz Jr., Kendallville, and Edward and Krestina Ritchie, Avilla; a daughter and son-in-law, Ruth and Shawn Powell, Antwerp, Ohio; a daughter-in-law, Paula Ritchie, Kendallville; two stepdaughters, Sandra Kelly, Groton, Mass., and Catherine Carter, Newport News, Va.; a stepson, Edward Schultz, Wells, Minn.; seven grandchildren, Michael, Joseph and Christopher Thomas, Brandi Smolinske, Bree and Taylor Ritchie, and Lora Lee Lieberenz; four step-grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Preceding him in death were a son, Elhanan Ritchie in 2005, and a half-brother, Paul Lepper Jr.

Services with military honors will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Pastor Charles Mosley officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Harbor of Love Baptist Church.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneral-home.com.

A. Dean Blair

HAMILTON — A. Dean Blair, 80, of Hamilton, died Saturday, June 3, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He was a self-employed carpenter until 1982. He then became the building trades teacher at Hamilton High School until his retirement in 1987.

Mr. Blair attended Hamilton Church of Christ in Hamilton.

On Oct. 9, 1925, in Hamilton, he was born to Arthur and Lydia (Bell) Blair. They preceded him in death.

He married Garland Dohner on July 7, 1943, in the Methodist Church parsonage in Hamilton. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Steven and Carol Blair, Hamilton, and Ronald and Donna Blair,

Edgerton, Ohio; a daughter and son-in-law, Judith and Marvin Baker, Hamilton; a stepsister and her husband, Joyce and Arnold Schaper, Ossian; nine grandchildren and their spouses, Keith and Debra Blair, Matthew and Amy Blair, Carissa Blair, Julia Sindel, Jim and Vicki Blair, Brenda and Kevin Beck, Don Foglesong, Brandon Nickols and Blair and Chris Richardson; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were a son, William LaVon Blair, a grandson-in-law, Rodney Lee Sindel; and a sister, Mary Jane Blair.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Jeff Alexander officiating. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton. Pallbearers will be Keith, Matthew and James Blair, Kevin Beck, Scott Sindel and Brandon Nickols.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hamilton Fire Department or charity of donor's choice.

Ralph Kanaga

ASHLEY — Ralph Stanley Kanaga, 90, formerly of Ashley, died Saturday, June 3, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mr. Kanaga graduated from Ashley High School in 1932 and began farming. He farmed in the Ashley area until 1944, when he purchased the Kanaga homestead, which his grandfather, Samuel Altman Kanaga, had purchased in 1859. He was born on the farm.

After a few years he began working as a carpenter part-time until his son became old enough to farm. He then worked full-time as a farmer until semi-retirement in 1984. His grandfathers Kanaga and Slaybaugh both were carpenters.

Mr. Kanaga had been an active member of the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren since 1934, and was an active member of the Farm Bureau.

He resided at Shepherd of the Hill for six years.

He was born in DeKalb County to Samuel Leroy and Effie (Slaybaugh) Kanaga on June 30, 1915.

He married Kennis Potts on April 13, 1934 in Garrett. She preceded him in death on Feb. 10, 1990.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Donald and Judy (Shore) Kanaga, Eureka, Ill.; a daughter and son-in-law, Ruth Ann and George Witt, Ashley; five grandchildren and their spouses, Wes and Lori Kanaga, and Brad and Annette Kanaga, all of Washington, Ill., Kelly Kanaga, Metamora, Ill., Nancy and Brian Hoelscher, Eureka, Ill., and Albert Witt, Ashley; eight great-grandchildren, Ashley, Jonathan, Kody and Kassandra Kanaga, and Erin, Andrew, Matthew and Mia Hoelscher.

Preceding him in death were a sister, Ruth Gramling, and two grandchildren, Stanley Kanaga and Lori Ann Witt.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren, Ashley, with Rev. Jeff Fackler officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville.

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Brenda Davis

HAMILTON — Brenda Lee Davis, 40, died Sunday, May 28, 2006, in Angola.

Mrs. Davis was a homemaker.

On Oct. 6, 1965, in Lexington, Ky., she was born to Allen Davis and Agness (Hall) Honaker.

Surviving are a stepfather, Paul Honaker, Angola; a daughter, Jennifer Lee Davis, Hamilton; a son, Christopher Aaron Eb, Chicago; her companion Mark Bliss, Hamilton; her grandmother, Mable (Berryman) Durham, Lexington, Ky.; two brothers, Timothy and Rusty Davis, both of Fort Myers, Fla.; four

stepbrothers, Alan Honaker, Angola, Danny Honaker, Butler, Bernie Honaker, Swansboro, N.C., and Gary Honaker, West Palm Beach, Fla.; and three grandchildren.

Her parents and a sister, Debra Davis, preceded her in death.

Graveside services were held Friday at Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to the family.

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After a few years, he began working as a carpenter part-time until his son became old enough to farm. He then worked full-time as a carpenter until semiretirement in 1984. His grandfathers Kanaga and Slaybaugh both were carpenters.

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He married Kennis Potts on April 13, 1934, in Garrett. She preceded him in death on Feb. 10, 1990.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Donald and Judy (Shore) Kanaga of Eureka, Ill.; a daughter and son-in-law, Ruth Ann and George Witt of Ashley; five grandchildren and their spouses, Wes and Lori Kanaga and Brad and Annette Kanaga, all of Washington, Ill., Kelly Kanaga of Metamora, Ill., Nancy and Brian Hoelscher of Eureka, Ill., and Albert Witt of Ashley; eight great-grandchildren, Ashley, Jonathan, Kody and Cassandra Kanaga and Erin, Andrew, Matthew and Mia Hoelscher.

Preceding him in death were a sister, Ruth Gramling; and two grandchildren, Stanley Kanaga and Lori Ann Witt.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren, Ashley, with the Rev. Jeff Fackler officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville.

Lois Armstrong

AUBURN — Lois J. Armstrong, 79, of Auburn died Sunday, June 4, 2006, in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Mrs. Armstrong was a real estate agent, owning and operating DeKalb Realty for 27 years.



Mrs. Armstrong

She was born May 19, 1927, in Fort Wayne to Carl and Hazel E. (Bireley) Saylor. They preceded her in death.

She married George S. Armstrong Sr. on Sept. 1, 1948, in Waterloo. He died Oct. 12, 2000.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Tom and Marsha Armstrong, George and Nan Armstrong and John Armstrong and his companion, Brenda Patterson, all of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Dave Winebrenner of Auburn; a sister, Dee Groff of Auburn; 10 grandchildren and their spouses, Scott and Valerie Armstrong, Marc and Krista Armstrong, Brent and Sonja Winebrenner, Eric Winebrenner, Sara and Josh Snyder, Ben and Kim Armstrong, Josh Armstrong, Kirk Armstrong, Jamie Armstrong and Jessica Armstrong; and six great-grandchildren, Landon Armstrong, Josef, Gavin and Paige Winebrenner and Trevor and Natalie Armstrong.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Don Saylor. Private family services will be held Tuesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St. Auburn. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Children First Center of Auburn.

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reprinted to correct errors.

Delsie Hess

STURGIS, Mich. — Delsie Agnes Hess, 65, of Sturgis, Mich., died Thursday, June 1, 2006, at home after an extended illness.

Mrs. Hess was born in Steuben County on Nov. 18, 1940, to George and Arlene (Phillips) Wisel. She had lived in Sturgis for one year, moving from Shipshewana.

She had been a jail guard at Knott County Jail and was last employed as a security guard for Newnam Foundry in Kendallville.

She was a member of the Baptist church. She enjoyed crocheting and asparagus hunting.

Surviving are eight children and their spouses, Rhonda Hough of Lexington, Ky., Gladys "Galene" Crafts of Sturgis, Mich., Mary Kinsinger of Shipshewana, Patricia "Pat" Ferguson and Cadena Hopkins, both of Elkhart, Tracy Morrow of Waterloo and Lacasta Hess

and Travis Hess, both of Auburn; 36 grandchildren, including a special granddaughter she raised, Shila Slone of Butler; 27 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Alice Cook of Kendallville and Georgetta Berry of Spencerville; and three brothers, Gaylon Ned Wisel and Edward Wisel, both of Garrett, and George E. Wisel of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a grandchild; five great-grandchildren; and two husbands, Herbert Edward Maurer and Walter Daniel Hess.

Services were Monday at the House of Prayer Church, Corunna, with the Rev. Earl Tackett officiating. Burial was in Corunna Cemetery.

DeWayne Schlosser

PLEASANT LAKE — DeWayne F. Schlosser, 68, died Monday, June 5, 2006, at his home on Golden Lake in rural Pleasant Lake.

Mr. Schlosser worked as an engineer at Dana Corp./Eaton Corp. in Auburn, retiring in 2000 after 27 years of service. He was a graduate of Tri-State University with a degree in mechanical engineering.

He was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Angola and the Knights of Columbus.

He was born July 23, 1937, in Waterloo to Edward F. and Veronica C. (May) Schlosser. His father preceded him in death, and his mother survives in Waterloo.

He married Norma Jean Hohman on July 27, 1957, in Auburn. She died Sept. 6, 2003.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Kevin and Patricia Schlosser of Auburn and Kraig and Brenda Schlosser of Columbia City; a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Brian Flesch of Decatur; a brother and sister-in-law, Bill J. and Sandy Schlosser of Auburn; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Charlotte Miller of Golden Lake and Mary Jo and Russ Burden of Waterloo; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Kyle Schlosser.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn. Father Fred Pasche and Father Babasino Fernandes will officiate. Burial will be in Auburn Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with a vigil service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Masses at the church or to the American Cancer Society.

Donald Goodwin

KENDALLVILLE — Donald H. Goodwin, 84, of Kendallville died Tuesday, June 6, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Goodwin was the owner and operator of Auburn TV and Appliance from 1949 to 1968 and

pioneered early television viewing in the area. He also served as a representative for Capital Appliance Distributors of Indianapolis until 1983.

He graduated from Central High School in Fort Wayne in 1939 and completed the General Electric Apprentice School in 1943 as a certified tool and die maker.

Mr. Goodwin was in the U.S. Navy during World War II serving from May 1944 to January 1946.

He was a member of the South Milford Church of Christ.

Mr. Goodwin enjoyed spending time with his family, fishing and bowling.

He was born July 11, 1921, in Blackstone, Va., to Russell and Audrey (Dunnivant) Goodwin. He married Martha Jane Rentfrow on Feb. 27, 1944, in the West Creighton Christian Church in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Judy and Alan Miller of Morris, Ill., Nancy and Joe Orr of Sedro Woolley, Wash., and Diane Bratton of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Dave Goodwin and Linda Lademan of Grosse Ile, Mich.; a sister, Kathryn Armstrong of Little Turkey Lake; eight grandchildren, David Goodwin, Brian Goodwin, Scott Miller, Todd Miller, Aaron Orr, Anna Orr, Kris Koskie and Tim Koskie; and two great-grandchildren.



Mr. Goodwin

Monet LaVine

FORT WAYNE — Monet D. LaVine, 89, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, June 6, 2006, at Heritage Park Health Care Center.

She was an inspector for Magnavox Corp, retiring in 1976.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Randy and Mary Jo LaVine of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren; and a brother, Robert Shellenbarger of Auburn.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Eugene LaVine; and three brothers, Charles, Floyd and Hubert Shellenbarger.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, with burial at Glenwood Cemetery in Roanoke.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Peace Lutheran Church of Fremont.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Russell Goodwin, in January 1993.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Pastor Mike Booher officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to services Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to South Milford Church of Christ.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneral-home.com.

James Cooper

BUTLER — James L. Cooper, 70, of Butler died Tuesday, June 6, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Cooper worked at Foley Pattern Co. in Auburn, retiring in 1998. He loved the outdoors and was an avid hunter and fisherman.

He was born Dec. 26, 1935, at Pennington Gap, Va., to Hobert and Ollie J. (Green) Cooper. They preceded him in death.

He married Opal E. Hager on Dec. 20, 1972, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Debra K. and Richard Burniston of Auburn and Diane M. and Ralph McDaniel of Angola; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Ron G. and Brenda Cooper of Butler and Tim L. Cooper; four sisters, Sandra K. Graves of Indianapolis, Marie Masterson of Mooresville, Kathern Hatton of Greenwood and Lexie Weaver of Knoxville; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Harley and Nila Cooper of Auburn and Stanley Cooper of Indianapolis; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Gary W. Cooper; a sister, Sue Bernet; and two brothers, Franklin D. Cooper and Harold Cooper.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Ron Stambaugh officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Kathleen Collins

GARRETT — Kathleen J. Collins, 86, of Garrett died Tuesday, June 6, 2006, in Langhorne, Pa.

Mrs. Collins was a homemaker.

She was born July 20, 1919, in Garrett to John V. and Maudie (Moughler) Applegate.

Her husband, Arthur S. Collins, died in 1998.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Brad and Barbara Collins of Langhorne, Pa., and Kim and Joyce Collins of Owing Mill, Md.; two sisters, Gwen Conkie and Jessie Bauman, both of

Auburn; and a granddaughter, Virginia Killgalen.

She was preceded in death by four sisters and a brother.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Thursday from 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is being
rerun with additional information.

Timothy Sisco

BLUFFTON — Timothy C. Sisco, 18, of Bluffton and formerly of Fremont died Monday, June 5, 2006, in Fremont.

Mr. Sisco was born Oct. 6, 1987, in Angola to Michelle (Sisco) Engle and Kim Willibey. He worked in construction and was also formerly employed at the McDonald's in Berne.

He attended Steuben County area schools and South Adams Schools and had recently earned his General Equivalency Diploma. He enjoyed fishing, farming, hunting, dirt bikes and the lake.

Surviving are his mother and stepfather, Michelle and Tim Engle of Bluffton; his father and stepmother, Kim and Diana Willibey of Angola; his grandparents, Carl and Pat Sisco of Fremont and Donnell and Shirley Willibey of Hamilton; his stepgrandparents, Margaret Parsell of Waterloo and Don and Carol Engle of Bluffton; two sisters, Kirsten and Tana Willibey, both of Angola; a brother, Taylor Sisco-Milleman of Angola; two stepsisters, Shaye and Shelby Engle, both of Bluffton; and a special friend, Sierra Charters of Fremont.

He was preceded in death by his stepgrandfather, John Parsell.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at the IOOF Cemetery in Dunkirk, with the Rev. Kent Ringger officiating.

Pallbearers will be Korey Barnes, Matt Garvin, Grant Workman, Ryan Workman, Kevin Willibey and Carl Masters. Honorary pallbearers will be Kyler Carvel and Taylor Sisco-Milleman.



Mr. Sisco

Larry Isham

GARRETT — Larry R. Isham, 50, of Garrett died Tuesday, June 6, 2006, at 6:01 p.m. in his home.

Mr. Isham had worked as a welder for M & S Steel in Garrett.

He was born Oct. 5, 1955, in Garrett to Richard and Barbara J.

(Nodine) Isham. His mother preceded him in death.

Surviving are his father, Richard Isham of Garrett; a son, Richard L. Isham of Fort Wayne; four daughters, Amelia Isham of Kiel, Wis., Kimberly Isham of Auburn, Joni Isham of Garrett and Carrie Isham of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Gary Isham and Donald Isham, both of Garrett; two sisters, Theresa Thacker and Cindy Washler, both of Garrett, and seven grandchildren.

Graveside services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett, with Pastor Dana Taylor officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the family to assist with expenses.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skynet.net.



Mr. Isham

Calling will be today from 1-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Memorials are to Indiana North District Youth Camp, 401 W. 39th St., Marion, IN 46953.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is being
rerun to include an additional
surviving relative.

James Cooper

BUTLER — James L. Cooper, 70, of Butler died Tuesday, June 6, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Cooper worked at Foley Pattern Co. in Auburn, retiring in 1998. He loved the outdoors, and was an avid hunter and fisherman.

He was born Dec. 26, 1935, at Pennington Gap, Va., to Hobert and Ollie J. (Green) Cooper. They preceded him in death.

He married Opal E. Hager on Dec. 20, 1972, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Debra K. and Richard Burniston of Auburn and Diane M. and Ralph McDaniel of Angola; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Ron G. and Brenda Cooper of Butler and Tim L. Cooper; a stepson, Rick Harmon of Fort Wayne; four sisters, Sandra K. Graves of Indianapolis, Marie Masterson of Mooresville, Kathern Hatton of Greenwood and Lexie Weaver of Knoxville; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Harley and Nila Cooper of Auburn and Stanley Cooper of Indianapolis; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Gary W. Cooper; a sister, Sue Bernet; and two brothers, Franklin D. Cooper and Harold Cooper.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Ron Stambaugh officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Wava Nicholas

WOLCOTTVILLE — Wava Nicholas, 80, of Wolcottville died at 2:35 a.m. Wednesday, June 7, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Nicholas was a lifetime LaGrange County resident.

She had been an assembler at Pent Electric.

She was born June 25, 1925, in Stroth to Chessie and Mary Jane (Ratliff) Wells. She married Robert Nicholas Sr. on July 5, 1946, in Garrett. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Marilyn and James Cassell of North Webster; a son, Robert Nicholas Jr. of Valparaiso; a brother, Arthur Wells of LaGrange; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Wayne Wells on Oct. 4, 2004; and a sister, Gladys Shultz, in 1964.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Jack Thomas officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Wolcottville United Methodist Church or to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.



Mrs. Nicholas

Loran Growcock

LIGONIER — Memorial services for Loran Dean Growcock of Ligonier will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Needler residence, 69674 C.R. 21, New Paris.

Mr. Growcock, 47, died Wednesday, May 24, 2006 at his Ligonier home. He was the owner of Loran's Body Shop in Albion.

Among his survivors are his finance, Sandra Bankson of Ligonier; a daughter, Toni (Bankson) Power and her husband, Tom Power, of Nevada; three brothers and a sister-in-law, Rod Growcock of Goshen, Larry and Dina Growcock of Italy and Blane Growcock of Elkhart; a sister and brother-in-law, Vivian and Jerry Needler of New Paris; three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Donald High

CORUNNA — Donald LeRoy High, 77, of Corunna died Wednesday, June 7, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. High worked in the maintenance department at Cooper Tire and Rubber Co. in Auburn, retiring in 1994 after 34 years of service. After retiring, he mowed for the town of Corunna.

He was a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose, Auburn Lodge 556.

He was born Oct. 25, 1928, in DeKalb County to Paul and Ella (Sams) High. They preceded him in death.

He married Lois Deskins on Sept. 19, 1968, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Scotty High of Garrett and John High of Auburn; two daughters, Donna Morningstar of Auburn and Karen Hicks of Alabama; a brother and sister-in-law, Stan and Donna High of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Rhea and Arnold Long of Michigan; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and several stepgrandchildren and stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a stepson, Jeff Horn; a grandson, Wade Slone; and two brothers, Max High and Dale High.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo,

with the Rev. David Snodderly officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Corunna Fire Department.

Forrest Rudolph

WATERLOO — Forrest A. "Sport" Rudolph, 76, of rural Waterloo died Thursday, June 8, 2006, at his home.

Mr.

Rudolph was a lifetime farmer. He was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church, the Cedar Creek



Mr. Rudolph

Antique Tractor and Engine Club and the DeKalb County Horseman's Association.

He was born Jan. 30, 1930, in DeKalb County to George LeRoy Rudolph and Esther O. (Housel) Rudolph.

He married Marilyn Joann Miller on Nov. 10, 1953, in Waterloo, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Richard A. and Cheryl Rudolph of Waterloo and Roger L. and Kim Rudolph of Corunna; a daughter, Roseann M. Rudolph of Waterloo; three sisters, Betty Sebert of Butler, Nellie Wiggins of Waterloo and Rhoda Bainbridge of Waterloo; four grandchildren, Bradley M., Jessica A., Matthew A. and Kristin M. Rudolph; and three great-grandchildren, Michaela and Cameron Rudolph and Ashlyn Seigel.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Thomas A. Rudolph; and four brothers, Bill, Kenneth, Willis and Willard Rudolph.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Rex Charles officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Cedar Creek Antique Tractor and Engine Club and the DeKalb County Horseman's Association.

Mrs. Kloepfer left a legacy of love

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND

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FAYETTE, Ohio — Steuben County native Wanda Kloepfer never had any children of her own, but her niece, Beverly Manley, said she and her aunt had a parent-child-type relationship.

"She was the sweetest thing," Beverly said. "She was like my mother. She was very, very special."

Mrs. Kloepfer was diagnosed with colon cancer in January 2005. Although doctors gave her only three to four months to live, she beat the odds and lived for a year after her diagnosis. She died at Hospice of Northwest Ohio, Toledo, on Jan. 16. She was 90.

"She kept going. She was going places right up until the last week," Beverly said.

Pauline Jones was Mrs. Kloepfer's best friend for 60 years.

"Ours was never a platonic, here today, gone tomorrow friendship. It grew deeper with respect and love as each year passed," Pauline said. "If memory serves me correctly, there was never an unkind word said between us."

Mrs. Kloepfer was born in Steuben County, and that's where she grew up. She married the man Pauline said was "the love of her life," Vernon "Doc" Kloepfer, on Jan. 1, 1937, in Angola. The couple eventually moved to Ohio, and spent 62 years together before Doc passed away on Feb. 25, 1999.

Pauline said her best friend was "one classy lady." The two met when Mrs. Kloepfer was working as a waitress in an ice cream shop, and she remembered "the different colored high-heeled shoes, dangly earrings, the ever-present gold ankle bracelet,



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Steuben County native Wanda Kloepfer poses with the limousine her niece and nephew-in-law hired for her on her 90th birthday in April 2005.

her hair fixed to a tee and a smile that captured your heart in an instant."

One of Mrs. Kloepfer's most endearing qualities, Pauline said, was her willingness to be a trustworthy confidante.

"We served as a sounding board for one another, we knew we could talk out our worries or frustrations and it would remain between us," she said. "We knew we could cry on each other's shoulders and let the tears dry right where they fell."

Mrs. Kloepfer loved to socialize, and rarely turned down a lunch invitation, "especially if French onion soup or Chinese was on the menu."

"Her theory was Dutch

treat," Pauline said. "She paid her way."

Pauline said family was everything to her friend.

"I remember the devotion she had for her family; the care she gave her mother, the love that shone in her eyes when she spoke of her dad and the many stories she shared about her brothers and sister and their children," she said. "She loved her close nieces and nephews with a passion and they loved their Aunt Wanda with all their hearts."

Pauline called Beverly and her husband, Bob, Mrs. Kloepfer's "angels."

"There was nothing they wouldn't do for Aunt Wanda," she said. "On one of their rides, (Mrs. Kloepfer) saw a limousine and remarked

she had never ridden in one. Lo and behold, her angels arranged to have a beautiful, shiny limo with a handsome driver pull up in front of her apartment, and we all had the good fortune to crawl in to help her celebrate her 90th birthday. Wanda looked like a queen on her special day, and as we came back into town, she was riding on a cloud."

Pauline remembered her friend as someone who loved to entertain, especially on New Year's Eve.

"We will long remember how Wanda would greet us at the door dressed in her beautiful formal, ready to see the old year out and the new one in, always with shrimp cocktail and a sip of something for the future ahead," she said.

Mrs. Kloepfer was a woman of great faith, attending church services regularly.

"She was on good terms with her Savior and lived her life as he intended her to live," Pauline said.

Pauline said she knows that when the end came, her friend was ready.

"Wanda fought her battle with cancer over the past year with courage, dignity and a positive attitude," she said. "When the time came, she checked herself into Hospice of Northwest Ohio with a broad smile on her face, looking at her beautiful surroundings as her first step into heaven."

"During my last words with my friend I saw the struggle in the face I loved so much and encouraged her to just close her eyes and go in peace," she continued. "She looked up and said, 'Will you go with me?' I assured her I'd be by her side as far as I could go, just as we had done for the past 61 years."

Victor Barcus

CHURUBUSCO — Victor D. "Tinker" Barcus, 86, of Churubusco and Garrett died Saturday at Sacred Heart Home in Avilla where he had been a resident since July 2005.

Mr. Barcus retired in 1983 as a manufacturing



Mr. Barcus

engineer in the specialty motor division of General Electric after 42 years of service. He loved to travel and spent a year of his career at G.E. working in Singapore.

He was a 1938 graduate of Churubusco High School and a longtime member of Churubusco United Methodist Church where he had served on the administrative council, as treasurer and was a Sunday school teacher for high school students.

Mr. Barcus was known for his skill as a sign painter in his youth. He was also known for the special onion rings he made for Turtle Days and for roasting hogs at his daughter's farm.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

He was a member of Harmony Lodge 19 I.O.O.F., G.E. Apprentice Alumni Association and G.E. Quarter Century Club.

Mr. Barcus was born May 6, 1920, in Green Township, Noble County, to Adam and Mary Ann (Graumlich) Barcus. He married Naomi (Strahm) McKean on June 21, 1941, in Alexandria. She died Dec. 1, 1993.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Sue and William Bennett of Churubusco and Beth and Kevin Leitch of Garrett; a son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Nancy Barcus of Fort Wayne; a sister, Ida May Youse of Greencastle; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; a son, Rodger Barcus; a granddaughter, Christine Bennett; two brothers, J. Ray Barcus and Joseph Barcus; and three sisters, Ruth Gabbard, Roxie Eberhard and Marie Helfich.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Churubusco United Methodist Church with Pastor Christine Newman-Jacobs officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church. An I.O.O.F. service will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

Memorials are to Churubusco United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Dean Huth Sr.

AUBURN — Dean L. Huth Sr., 66, of Auburn died Sunday, June 11, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Huth worked as a diesel mechanic with Radabaugh Trucking.

He was born Feb. 10, 1940, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are three sons, Rick Huth, Dean L. Huth Jr. and Benjamin Huth, all of Auburn; two daughters, Melanie Huth and Sarah Huth, both of Auburn; three brothers, Alfred Huth Jr. of Florida and Richard Huth and Ervin Huth, both of Wolcottville; three sisters, Barbara Dressler of Fort Wayne, Kay Shoemaker of Avilla and Ruth McBride of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by a son, Timothy Huth; and a brother, Leon Huth.

Services will be Wednesday at 8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Eva Young

FORT WAYNE — Eva Helen Young, 85, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, June 11, 2006, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

She graduated from St. Joe High School, International Business College and Indiana University. She retired from Medical Protective Insurance Co. of Fort Wayne as a legal secretary after 46 years of service.

She was a member of the Newville United Methodist Church.

She was born July 1, 1920, in St. Joe to Cloyd H. and Mae (Robinson) Young. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Betty and Dale Keiser of Fort Wayne; two nieces and their spouses, Patricia Lou and David Childers of Fort Wayne and Susan and David Espenlaub of Dallas, Texas; five grandnieces and grandnephews; and two great-grandnephews.

Private graveside services will be Wednesday at Forest Home Cemetery in Hicksville, Ohio.

Smith and Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville, is in charge of arrangements.

Bruce Jackson

AUBURN — Bruce David Jackson, 54, of Auburn died Saturday, June 10, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Jackson worked for E & M Tire Co. in Fort Wayne for 16 years.

He was born Jan. 9, 1952, in Fort Wayne to Dale Max and Helen Irene (Somers) Jackson. His mother preceded him in death, and his father survives at High Lake, Ind.

Also surviving are a daughter, Christina Jackson of Fort Wayne; a stepson, Dennis Rife of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Rebecca Stewart and Leslie Eckert, both of Auburn, and Debi Arambula of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren, Damon and Davion Williams.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Linda L. Jackson.

Services were conducted Monday in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn, with Daniel Jackson officiating.

Memorials are to the DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn was in charge of arrangements.

Michael Romine

AUBURN — Michael A. Romine, 58, of Auburn died Wednesday, June 14, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Romine worked as a claims adjuster for Farm Bureau Insurance Co. in Auburn for 31 years, retiring in 2003.

He served with the U.S. Army Security Administration in the Pentagon and Germany, and served as a liaison for the National Security Agency in Fort Meade, Md.

Mr. Romine attended the Auburn Presbyterian Church. He was an avid golfer, a past member of Greenhurst Country Club and a current member of Bridgewater Golf Club.

He was a member of the Fort Wayne Insurance Adjusters Association and a board member of the Judy Marsh Memorial Fund.

He was born Jan. 26, 1948, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Glen and Zella (Schwartz) Romine. His parents preceded him in death.

He married VonDle (Ewing) Romine on Dec. 28, 1968, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Vonda and Chris Walker of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren, Hannah and Brandon Walker; seven sisters, two brothers and one stepsister.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. The Rev. Sherri Long will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be today from 5-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.



Mr. Romine

Cecil Wallace

LIGONIER — Cecil E. Wallace, 62, of Ligonier died Tuesday, June 13, 2006, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in South Bend.

Mr. Wallace had moved to Noble County in 1989 from Cleveland, Ohio.

He had worked with a charity while living in Ohio.

Mr. Wallace enjoyed gardening and crafts.

He was born Sept. 5, 1943, in Auburn to Walter and Mabel (Gingerich) Wallace.

Surviving are a brother, Edward Wallace of DeLeon Springs, Fla.; two sisters, Hazel Smith of Cromwell and Janet Anglemeyer of Williamsburg, Ky.; a half brother, Donald Applegate of Hartford City; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, William, Robert and Richard Wallace.

There will be no services.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Henry 'Hank' Witmer

LEO — Henry "Hank" Frederick Witmer, 84, died Wednesday evening, June 14, 2006, at Regency Place of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Witmer worked as a carpenter for many years with Joe Lengacher Construction and also was a farmer. He was a member of the North Leo Mennonite Church and a 33-year member of the AA Program.

He was born June 4, 1922, in Allen County to Menno and Lydia S. (Delagrange) Witmer. His parents preceded him in death.

He married Edna Mae Gerig on March 27, 1947, in Allen County. She died July 1, 2005.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, S. Cliff and Dianne Witmer of Leo, Cletus U. Witmer of Grabill and Clarence L. and Sue Witmer of Leo; five grandchildren and their spouses, Jade R. and Clint Delagrange of Spencerville, Loretta S. Witmer of Leo, Tyler D. and Randa Witmer of Leo, Shane M. and Amanda Witmer of Grabill and Lester J. Witmer of Leo; a brother and sister-in-law, Menno J. and Rosa Witmer of Leo; and three sisters and a brother-in-law, Margaret M. Witmer and Mary M. Miller, both of Leo, and Kanoshia A. and Noah Delagrange of Spencerville.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Eli J. Witmer; and a brother-in-law, Perry Miller.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in North Leo Mennonite Church. Burial will be in Schlatter Cemetery.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. and Sunday from 1-2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Northeast Allen County Fire & EMS, P.O. Box 428, Grabill, IN

Shirley Barkman

BUTLER — Shirley Y. Barkman, 88, of Butler died Wednesday, June 14, 2006, at 6:30 p.m. in the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home at Butler.

Mrs. Barkman was a former resident of Elkhart. She worked 25 years as a long-distance operator for General Telephone Co., retiring in 1978.

She was a graduate of Richland Center High School in California and a member of the Missionary Church and the YMCA Senior Program.

She was born May 10, 1918, in Omak, Wash., to Henry D. and Voy (Bailey) Simpson.

She married Herman E. Barkman on March 20, 1937, in Elkhart. He died in 1985.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Richard L. and Sally Barkman of Auburn; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Barbara and Roy Davidson of Olympia, Wash., and Leda Harlan of Okanogan, Wash.; and two brothers, Deane Simpson of Shelton, Wash., and Neil C. Simpson of Seattle, Wash.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Richard and Ronald Simpson, and two sisters, Betty Fay and Nelda Wilcox.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Hartzler-Gutermuth-Inman Funeral Home, 403 W. Franklin St., Elkhart. The Rev. Bud Walterhouse will officiate. Burial will be in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be tonight from 6-8 at the funeral home.

Condolences may be posted online at www.hartzlergutermuthinman.com

Memorials are to the Laurels of DeKalb, 520 W. Liberty St., Butler IN 46721.

Barry Bolton

FORT WAYNE — Barry L. Bolton, 58, of Fort Wayne died unexpectedly Tuesday, May 23,

2006, at his Fort Wayne home.

Mr. Bolton had lived in Fort Wayne the past 20 years.

He was disabled.

Mr. Bolton was a 1967 graduate of East Noble High School.

He was born March 11, 1948, in Garrett to Herschel and Joan (Stonestreet) Bolton. His father is deceased and his mother survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are a daughter, Angela Bolton of Edon, Ohio; a sister and brother-in-law, Rebecca and Rex Ogg of Marysville, Ohio; four nieces, Susan Foote and Dawn Ogg of Ada, Mich., Denise Sparkman of Auburn and Robin Lepper of LaOtto; and two nephews, Andrew and Lucas Sutton of LaOtto.

Graveside services were held June 9 at Cedar Chapel Cemetery south of Garrett with the Rev. Susan Socha officiating.

D.O. McComb & Sons Funeral Home in Fort Wayne was in charge of arrangements.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is being republished with a change in information about relatives.

Michael Romine

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Mr. Romine worked as a claims adjuster for Farm Bureau Insurance Co. in Auburn for 31 years, retiring in 2003.



Mr. Romine

He served with the U.S. Army Security Administration in the Pentagon and Germany, and served as a liaison for the National Security Agency in Fort Meade, Md.

Mr. Romine attended the Auburn Presbyterian Church. He was an avid golfer, a past member of Greenhurst Country Club and a current member of Bridgewater Golf Club.

He was a member of the Fort Wayne Insurance Adjusters Association and a board member of the Judy Marsh Memorial Fund.

He was born Jan. 26, 1948, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Glen and Zella (Schwartz) Romine. His parents preceded him in death.

He married VonDle (Ewing) Romine on Dec. 28, 1968, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Vonda and Chris Walker of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren, Hannah and Brandon Walker; four sisters, one brother and one stepsister.

Three sisters and one brother preceded him in death.

Services will be today at 10 a.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. The Rev. Sherri Long will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Shirley Barkman

BUTLER — Shirley Y. Barkman, 88, formerly of Elkhart, died at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at The Laurels of DeKalb of natural causes.

She was a long-distance operator for General Telephone Co. and retired in 1978 after 25 years.

She was a graduate of Richland Center High School and member of California Missionary Church, and YMCA-YWCA Senior Program in Elkhart.

She was born May 10, 1918, in Omak, Wash., to Henry D. and Voy (Bailey) Simpson.

She married Herman E. Barkman on March 20, 1937, in Elkhart.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Sally Barkman, Auburn; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two sisters, Barbara (Roy) Davidson, Olympia, Wash. and Leda Harlan, Okanogan, Wash.; two brothers, Deane Simpson, Shelton, Wash., and Neil C. Simpson, Seattle, Wash.

She was preceded in death by her husband; two brothers, Richard and Ronald Simpson; and two sisters, Betty Fay and Nelda Wilcox.

Services were at 10 a.m. today at the Hartzler-Gutermuth-Inman Funeral Home, Elkhart.

Burial was in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens.

Memorial contributions may be directed to The Laurels of DeKalb, 520 West Liberty Street, Butler, IN, 46721.

Online condolences may be directed to hartzlergutermuthinman.com.

Playing Santa to perfection

Richard Lieberenz Sr. was the jolly elf to a generation of kids

BY BILL GISEL

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KENDALLVILLE — For two generations of East Noble school district students, Richard Lee Lieberenz Sr. was Santa Claus.

Mr. Lieberenz, 67, died June 3.

"The last Christmas, he could hardly walk, but he was here," said Craig Munk, East Noble's theater director. The theater has sponsored "Breakfast with Santa" for more than 20 years, and Mr. Lieberenz played the Santa Claus role to perfection.

With his own long beard, "He was as close to the spirit of the real Santa in looks and personality as you could get," Munk said. "He just had that spirit; people were constantly telling me that for their children, it was breakfast with the real Santa."

Munk said Mr. Lieberenz will be difficult to replace.

"Every second Saturday morning of December, he would just show up" for the program, Munk said. He didn't have to be called and asked or reminded.

"One Christmas, he had just lost his wife," Munk said. "But he came, he was here for the kids."

Mr. Lieberenz also was Santa for the Downtown Business Association's annual Christmas parade, and visited

with children in a little "workshop" on Main Street.

Radio personality Don Moore, who has emceed the parade since 1978, called Mr. Lieberenz "a great Santa" and said kids always looked forward to the event. Many were remembered from year to year by Mr. Lieberenz.

"He was great for the downtown, and he was great for the kids," Moore said. "He about froze to death some years, but he was there!"

To his family, Mr. Lieberenz was a great father and grandfather.

Grandson Christopher Thomas of Antwerp, Ohio, remembered his grandfather in a tribute on Christopher's personal Web site.

"He taught me a lot," Christopher wrote. "I'm not talking about the mundane knowledge that is taught in school; what I learned from him is the power of kindness and the power of words."

"He would always go out of his way to make others smile when even he was crying," he continued. "He was a big man, with an even bigger heart."

According to Christopher: "It wasn't just me he affected. I can say without a doubt ... there is no one who had ever met him that isn't sad that he is gone. He was the best grandpa that anyone could ask for, and if I am half the man he was, I will be proud."



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Elizabeth Roush and Jessica Warford of Kendallville meet Santa Claus impersonator Richard Lieberenz Sr. both as small girls and as seniors at East Noble High School. Lieberenz was Santa for more than 20 years at the school's "Breakfast with Santa" presented by the East Noble Theater.

Alice Hollabaugh

AUBURN — Alice K. Hollabaugh, 81, of Auburn died Monday morning, June 19, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Hollabaugh was a homemaker and a member of the Order of Eastern Star No. 386.

She was born March 19, 1925, in Auburn to Edwin G. and Inez A. (Bishop) Wallace. She married Robert C. Hollabaugh on Nov. 21, 1951, in Angola. He preceded her in death on Dec. 21, 2005.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Paul E. and Vickie Hollabaugh of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Linda S. Decker of Auburn; and three grandchildren, Zachary Decker, Adrienne L. Hollabaugh and Blaire E. Lewis.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Edwin B. Wallace and Marion E. Wallace.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, 6992 S.R. 1, Spencerville, with Pastor Steve Evans officiating. Burial will be in White City Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home, with an Eastern Star service at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the Leukemia Society of America-Indiana Chapter, 921 E. 56th St., Suite 203, Indianapolis, IN 46240 or the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 2680, North Canton, OH 44720.

Evelyn Payton

AUBURN — Evelyn Roberta Payton, 66, of Auburn died Wednesday, June 21, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Payton worked for Magnavox Co. in Fort Wayne for more than 30 years, retiring in 1996. She was a member of the United Brethren in Christ Church in Corunna.

She was born Dec. 19, 1939, in LaGrange County to Ray W. and Hilda (Sherwood)

Baird. She married Richard E. "Bub" Payton on Dec. 23, 1955, in Corunna. He preceded her in death on April 25, 2006.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Rickey and Cecile Payton of Auburn, Ronald and Tina Payton of Waterloo and Lowell Payton of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Rhonda and Gary Dilley of Huntington and Laura and Michael Rist of South Lyons, Mich.; five brothers and sisters-in-law, Lyle and Martha Baird of Auburn, Donald and Helen Baird of Kendallville, Billy and Johanna Baird of Florida, Larry and Kay Baird of Hicksville, Ohio, and Jack and Cindy Baird of Topeka; two sisters, Patty Pierce and Tarena Longworth, both of Kendallville; 11 grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Wilbur Baird.



Mrs. Payton

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Jason Hollopeter officiating. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Corunna United Brethren in Christ Church, the American Cancer Society or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Robert Knepper

QUINCY, Mich. — Robert J. Knepper, 87, of Quincy, Mich., died Tuesday, June 20, 2006, at the Community Health Center of Branch County in Coldwater, Mich.

Mr. Knepper was a retired farmer who also ended 26 years of service at The Coldwater Regional Center of Coldwater in 1977.

He was an avid baseball fan and enjoyed his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was a 1937 Coldwater High School graduate.

He was born Feb. 16, 1919, to William W. and Grace O. (Dicks) Knepper of Auburn.

Surviving are his wife, Ethlyn Knepper of Quincy; two daughters and sons-in-law, Gerald and Carol Marsh of Quincy and Sue and James Campbell of Battle Creek, Mich.; four grandchildren and their spouses, Edward and Shirley Marsh, James and Krista Campbell, Angela and Darin Higbee and Wendy and Nick Ginsberg; seven great-grandchildren; and a sister, Rosemary Bradley of Quincy.

Preceding him in death were a sister-in-law, Marion Cochran, and a brother-in-law, George L. Bradley.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont. The Rev. Dale Miller will officiate. Burial will be at Lester Cemetery in Coldwater.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Friday at Beams Funeral Home.

Memorials are to H & C Burnside Center in Coldwater or the American Heart Association.



Mr. Knepper

Harvey Oberlin

AUBURN — Harvey E. "Poker" Oberlin, 87, of Auburn died Wednesday, June 21, 2006, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Oberlin retired from the U.S. Post Office as a mail carrier after 30 years. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, receiving a Purple Heart and Bronze Star.

He was a 50-year member of Forest Lodge 239 F&AM and a member of American Legion Post 202 and Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie Lodge 2783, all of Butler, the Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Auburn Moose Lodge and The Order of the Eastern Star at Spencerville.

He enjoyed fishing and was a lifelong Chicago Cubs fan.

He was born Feb. 10, 1919, in Butler to Kenneth "Jum" and Marie (Pifer) Oberlin. He married Arlene J. Balis on May 8, 1952, in Angola. She preceded him in death on Feb. 14, 1963. He then married Patricia Patrick Conway on Aug. 3, 1963, in Elkhart, and she preceded him in death on Sept. 5, 1992.

Surviving are a companion, Laura Rosenbury of Butler; two daughters and a son-in-law, Cindy and Wayne McEntarfer of Butler and Connie Oberlin of Fort Wayne; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Gary Oberlin of Auburn,



Mr. Oberlin

Greg Oberlin of Madison, Wis., and Brian and Pat Conway of Madison, Wis.; a brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Gloria Oberlin of Pinellas Park, Fla.; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Maxine Maxton of Columbus, Ohio, Naomi Lamberson of Montpelier, Ohio, and Betty and Robert Miller of Columbia City; a sister-in-law, Flo Oberlin of Hillsdale, Mich.; and his grandchildren, Eric Culbertson and his wife, Kristin, of Fort Wayne, Justin Culbertson and his wife, Kim, of Fort Wayne, Nathan McEntarfer and his wife, Dori, of Butler, Lindsay McEntarfer and her fiancé, Cody Mitchener, of Butler, Patrick Conway of Madison, Wis., Stephanie Conway-Eddy and her husband, Jake, of Mount Horeb, Wis., and Paige

Oberlin of Palmyra, Va.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Robert; and a sister, Barbara.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home, 212 N. Main St., Butler, with Pastor Dale Rabineau officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery, with military services by American Legion Post 202 of Butler.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Butler American Legion Scholarship Fund, Butler Eagles Scholarship Fund or Butler Youth League Baseball.

Condolences may be posted at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

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Surviving are a companion, Laura Rosenbury of Butler; two daughters and a son-in-law, Cindy and Wayne McEntarfer of Butler and Connie Oberlin of Fort Wayne; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Gary Oberlin of Auburn, Greg Oberlin of Madison, Wis., and Brian and Pat

Conway of Madison, Wis.; a brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Gloria Oberlin of Pinellas Park, Fla.; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Maxine Maxton of Columbus, Ohio, Naomi Lamberson of Montpelier, Ohio, and Betty and Robert Miller of Columbia City; a sister-in-law, Flo Oberlin of Hillsdale, Mich.; his grandchildren, Eric Culbertson and his wife, Kristin, of Fort Wayne, Justin Culbertson and his wife, Kim, of Fort Wayne, Nathan McEntarfer and his wife, Dori, of Butler, Lindsae McEntarfer and her fiancé, Cody Mitchener, of Butler, Patrick Conway of Madison, Wis., Stephanie Conway-Eddy and

her husband, Jake, of Mount Horeb, Wis., and Paige Oberlin of Palmyra, Va.; and three great-grandchildren, Emma Culbertson, and Aydan and Andrew McEntarfer.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Robert; and a sister, Barbara.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home, 212 N. Main St., Butler, with Pastor Dale Rabineau officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery, with military services by American Legion Post 202 of Butler.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Butler American Legion Scholarship Fund, Butler Eagles Scholarship Fund or Butler Youth League Baseball.

Condolences may be posted at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Lee Hunt

AUBURN — Lee Bryan Hunt, 49, of Auburn died Thursday, June 22, 2006, at the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hunt enjoyed computers, playing video games, gardening and most of all his cat Sylvester.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1979 to 1982.

He was a laborer and lived in the Auburn community most of his life.

On May 4, 1957, he was born in Fort Wayne to William James and Betty L. (Bellinger) Hunt.

Surviving are two sisters and

brothers-in-law, Rebecca and Frederick Fisher of Washington, D.C., and Wendy and Ted Ragan of Columbia City.

His parents preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Calvary Chapel in Auburn. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

Brazzell Funeral Homes is in charge of arrangements.

Homer Nusbaum

SPENCERVILLE — Homer Lee Nusbaum, 86, of Spencerville, died Friday, June 23, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Nusbaum worked at the Woodburn Rubber Co. from 1947-1949, Amos Delagrang Painting from 1950-1961 and Nusbaum Brothers Painting from 1961-1971. He was the owner and contractor of Nusbaum Decorating from 1971-1982. He had been a farmer in DeKalb County since 1945.

He was a member of The Gospel Tabernacle, Hicksville, Ohio, where he was a superintendent, song leader and choir director. He also belonged to American Legion Post 47 in Fort Wayne, the Sheriffs' Association and the Indiana Farm Bureau.

He graduated from Harlan High School in 1938. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in World War II as a personal chef to the base commander.

He was born May 10, 1920, in Springfield Township of Allen County to Lloyd and Lottie (Youngker) Nusbaum. They preceded him in death.

He married Ruth Boylan on June 29, 1941, at The Gospel Tabernacle in Hicksville, and she survives.

Also surviving are his daughter, Imogene Nusbaum-Snyder of Fort Wayne; his adopted daughter, Lauralee Aven of Fort Wayne; and a granddaughter, Inge Snyder of Indianapolis.

He was preceded in death by seven brothers, Laurence, Howard, Gerwood, Nick, Robert, Russell and Joe, and two sisters, Lydia Kinsey and Mary Nusbaum.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Smith & Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville, with Pastor Phil Emerson officiating. Burial will be in the Scipio Cemetery at Harlan, with military honors conducted by American Legion Post 47.

Calling will be Monday from 4-9 p.m. and Tuesday after 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

A person who could be counted on

Nadine Swift touched the lives of many in the Hamilton community

BY MICHAEL MARTURELLO
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HAMILTON — When Nadine Swift and her husband, Paul, were operating Swift's Funeral Home in Hamilton, they also doubled as the ambulance service.

That was common in small towns; with a hearse, a funeral home was often the only entity that had the capability to help those in need at the scene of a wreck or medical emergency.

"They had the funeral home here. Plus they had the ambulance service. They were all we had," said close friend Polly Racy.

But the Swifts were much more, and Nadine, who died

Dec. 24, 2005, at the age of 91, was known in the Hamilton community as one who touched the lives of many.

"She was such a good businesswoman down here," Racy said.

When Racy talks about her dear friend, for whom she organized a Hamilton memorial service that was held Saturday, she speaks of Paul, too.

But it was Nadine who ran the business well past Paul's passing in 1956. The couple bought the funeral home in 1932 and it wasn't until the mid-1970s that Nadine sold it to Oberlin-Ford.

"This was a family affair.

Everybody could always count on them. Whether you needed a trip somewhere, some food, anything," Racy said. "We could always count on Nadine and Paul to be by our side in good times and sad times."

After Paul died, Nadine employed various people from the community to help run the funeral home, including the likes of Howard Vaughn of Fremont and Jim Gnagy of Hamilton.

"A lot of these young guys drove the ambulance for them," said Racy, who also worked for the Swifts and later Oberlin-Ford.

Eventually Nadine remarried. Her second

husband was Preston Teegardin, a well-known farmer in the Hamilton area. Later she retired to Cape Coral and Naples, Fla., living out her years as a widow a second time after Preston's passing.

Both of her husbands preceded her in death.

She had also resided in Naples, Fla.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Diane (Swift) Taylor and Bill Kersten of Naples; a son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Marilyn of Cape Coral; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

People from many locales attended Saturday's memorial service in Hamilton.

LaDona Kay Sawyer

AUBURN — LaDona Kay Sawyer, 40, died Friday, June 23, 2006, in Auburn.

Mrs.

Sawyer was employed with Hoosier Wire and International Wire in Kendallville for 18 years. She loved deer hunting, woodworking, writing poetry, listening to and playing music, and she was a fan of her daughter's softball teams.

She was born Dec. 7, 1965, in Downey, Calif., to Richard Levi and Judy Lou (Barbee) Cassiday. They survive in Kendallville.

She married Johnny Sawyer on May 3, 2003, in LaGrange. He survives in LaGrange.



Mrs. Sawyer

Also surviving are two daughters, LaRisa Pickard and Shawna Pickard, both of Auburn; two sisters, Charlette Cassiday of Auburn and Heather Gaines of Kendallville; a niece and nephew, Alora Cassiday and Robert Barnes, both of Kendallville; and her paternal grandmother, Mary Naylor of Kendallville; a stepdaughter and her husband, Roxanne and Chris Garrison of Auburn; and three stepgrandchildren, Joshua, Haley and Devon Garrison.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville. The Rev. Earl Tackett will officiate. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery in LaGrange County.

Calling will be Monday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to the family through www.hitefuneralhome.com.

John Campbell Sr.

CORUNNA — John A. Campbell Sr., 96, of Corunna died Sunday, June 25, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mr. Campbell was the owner of Campbell Body Shop and Salvage and Campbell Chevrolet, both in



Mr. Campbell

Kendallville, from 1938-1957. He operated Campbell Hardware Store in Kendallville from 1957 to 1967.

He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church near Corunna and the Kendallville F&AM Lodge 276.

Mr. Campbell was a graduate of Butler High School.

He was born March 29, 1910, in Butler to Romaine and Maude (Kraun) Campbell. He married Mowitza Hood on May 10, 1931, in Butler. She died in 1988.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, John Jr. and Carolyn Campbell of Corunna; a daughter and son-in-law, Julie and Wayne Martin of Umittilla, Fla.; a brother, Edward Campbell of Chicago, Ill.; a sister, Geraldine Miller of Vicksburg, Mich.; a sister-in-law, Jean Frazier of Kendallville; a brother-in-law, Leon Kessler of Auburn; and four grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Mary Louise Campbell.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Zion Lutheran Church, C.R. 12, Corunna, with the Rev. Al Wingfield officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery at a later date.

Calling from 3-8 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneral-home.com.

Geneva Oberlin

BUTLER — Geneva Oberlin, 98, died Sunday, June 25, 2006, at The Cedars in Leo.



Mrs. Oberlin

Mrs. Oberlin lived in Fort Wayne for many years, raising her family there. Later, they moved to Butler, where they lived for many years.

She was born Aug. 3, 1907, to Commadore and Ada Hagerty. She married Glenn D. Oberlin on April 19, 1924, in Angola. He preceded her in death on June 20, 1999.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Ilo Oberlin of Fort Wayne; a daughter, E. Jean Bowen of Butler; 13 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and 16 great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Donald; a grandchild; a great-grandchild; four brothers; and four sisters.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Main St., Butler. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. and Wednesday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Cedar Creek Retirement Home.

Opal Myers

GARRETT — Opal E. Myers, 79, of Garrett died Monday, June 26, 2006, at her home.

Born in Grand Rapids, Mich., she retired in 1990 from Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. after 24 years of service. She was a member of Garrett Country Club and American Legion Post 178 Women's Auxiliary.

Surviving are her husband, William Myers of Garrett; three sons, Edward Hills of Boone, N.C., and Matt Myers and Joe Myers both of Tempe, Ariz; a daughter, Deborah Hopf of Cary, N.C.; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; three brothers, Jim Kinsey of Fort Wayne and Robert Kinsey and Larry Kinsey, both of St. Joe.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Donald Kinsey.

Their will be no calling or services.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospital, the American Cancer Society or Coram Health Care.

Rhoda Kinney

AUBURN — Rhoda M. Kinney, 88, of Auburn, died Sunday, June 25, 2006, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mrs. Kinney was a homemaker.

She was born March 3, 1918, in Hillsdale, Mich., to Lee Clair and Elizabeth (Morrow) Morre. They preceded her in death.

She married Wilson Woodrow Kinney in 1945. He died in 1980.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, John and Meletta Mason of Corunna and Floyd and Kleota Mason of Auburn; a daughter-in-law, Connie Mason of Auburn; eight grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by a son, Carl Lee Mason, two sisters, Wetiva Young and Cylvia Redding; and a half-brother, John Donner.

Graveside services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in Fairfield Cemetery of rural Corunna, with the Rev. Mike Sassanella officiating.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

Ethel Blevins

AUBURN — Ethel "Marie" Blevins, 91, of Auburn died Tuesday, June 27, 2006, under the care of Hospice of Citrus County, Fla.

Mrs. Blevins had worked at Rieke Corp. in Auburn, retiring after 45 years of service.

She moved to Florida three years ago to be cared for by her daughter, Beverly Shevchik. Her daughter survives.

Also surviving are a sister, Pearl Stebing of Leo; three nephews, Ed Aschliman of Pinehurst, N.C., John Aschliman of Auburn and Donald Aschliman of Lafayette; and two nieces, Jaumine Whitacre of Peru and Charmane Kershner of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clair.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

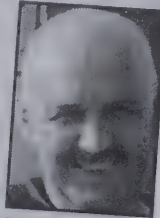
James Dunn

GARRETT — James David Dunn, 45, of Garrett died Saturday, June 24, 2006.

A truck driver for Group Dekko in Kendallville, he also had formerly driven for Watkins Oil in Titusville.

Born Sept. 18, 1960, in Hazard, Ky., he had

formerly lived in Titusville, Fla.



Mr. Dunn

Surviving are his wife, Kandi Dunn of Garrett; a son, Zachary Dunn of Avilla; his father and stepmother, Earl and Betty Dunn of Viper, Ky.; three stepdaughters, Barbara Turner, Hope Turner and Crystal Turner, all of Garrett; six sisters and four brothers-in-law, Patricia and Norman Sumner of Vicco, Ky., Barbara Combs of Kendallville, Deb and Jerry McCann of Kendallville, Connie and Jerry Bock of Garrett, Tina Marker of Waterloo and Sandy and Mike Lewis of Viper.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Combs; and a sister, Sharon Day.

Private family services will be held, with burial in Lake View Cemetery at Kendallville.

Memorials are to the family. Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

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She was preceded in death by her parents, Glenn W. and Mary E. (Sheardy) Kinsey; and a brother, Donald Kinsey.

Their will be no calling or services.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice, the American Cancer Society or Coram Health Care.

Kenneth Shaffer

GARRETT — Kenneth L. "Butch" Shaffer, 64, of Garrett died Wednesday, June 28, 2006, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Shaffer was a truck driver for Evans Trucking in Butler until 2005 and was a member of the Butler Eagles.

He was born Aug. 22, 1941, in Fort Wayne to Kenneth and Betty (Pitney) Shaffer.

On Oct. 4, 1986, he married Emma L. Kuhn. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Erin Rose and Lana Pitney, both of Garrett; a brother, Fred Shaffer of Wapakoneta, Ohio; a sister, Linda Ritchie of Kendallville; and four granddaughters, Haley Spangler, Sierra Rose, Emily Rose and Cheyenne Rose, all of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Bill Shaffer and Steve Shaffer.

Services will be Saturday at 4 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-4 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family to assist with expenses.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

Theodore Schroeder

WOLCOTTVILLE —

Theodore Daniel Schroeder, 66, of Wolcottville died April 5, 2006, in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Schroeder had moved to LaGrange in 1987 from Hobart.

He had worked in maintenance at Vencor Hospital in LaGrange.

Mr. Schroeder has served in the military police in the U.S. Army.

He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police in Hobart.

He was born July 5, 1939, in Gary to Theodore and Anita (Hooper) Schroeder. They are deceased. He married Sharon Hrapcak on Dec. 1, 1963, in Wheeler. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Kathleen and Norman Lovely of Livonia, Mich., and Suzanne and Kenneth Malone of Sturgis, Mich.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Theodore Schroeder of Waterloo and Timothy and Konnie Schroeder of Crown Point; two sisters, Betsy Kimpan and Marilane Schroeder, both of Illinois; a cousin, Kenny Schroeder of Columbus; and 12 grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Messiah Lutheran Church at Wolcottville with the Rev. James Tews officiating.

Fruip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruipmayfuneralhome.com.

Crash kills Waterloo boy, 15

BY BILL GISEL

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ASHLEY — A rural Waterloo teenager died when a pickup truck crashed east of Ashley at 9:33 p.m. Thursday, DeKalb County Police said.

Joshua David Linthicum, 15, of the 0500 block of C.R. 41, died from head trauma, police reported.

The crash occurred on C.R. 39 (Old U.S. 27) near its intersection with the Steuben-DeKalb county line road.

The driver of the pickup, Thomas J. DeLong, 16, of the 0800 block of C.R. 35, Ashley, received injuries to his lower back and side, police reported.

According to a news release, DeLong was driving southbound when for unknown reasons, the 1987 Ford pickup went off the west side of the road. The truck then went back onto the road and entered the east ditch.

DeLong overcorrected his steering and the truck started to spin, went back onto the road and became airborne, landing on its top, the report said.

Linthicum died at the scene. DeKalb EMS took DeLong to DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Assisting were the Indiana State Police, officers from Steuben County and Hudson, the DeKalb coroner's office and Ashley Fire Department.

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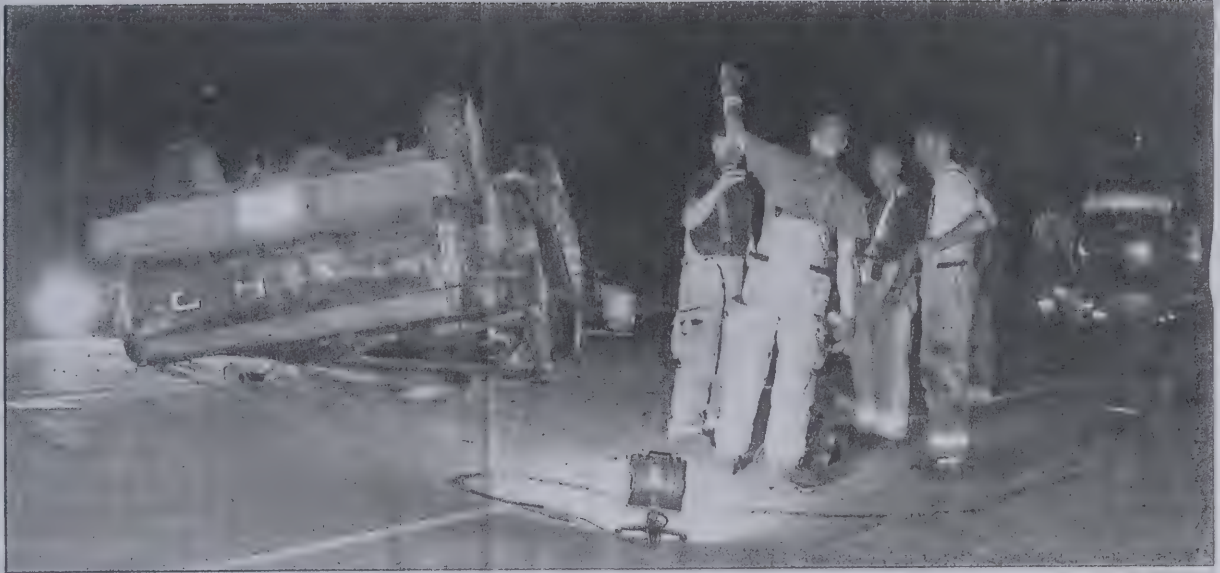


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Emergency crews work at the scene of a crash that killed a Waterloo teenager Thursday night. He was a passenger in this truck, which overturned on C.R. 39, just south of the Steuben-DeKalb County Line.

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Martha Beard

BUTLER — Martha J. Beard, 52, of rural Butler died Wednesday, June 28, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne after an extended illness.



Mrs. Beard **Mrs. Beard**

was a graduate of Eastside High School and was employed as a teacher's assistant at the Children First Center in Auburn from 1989-97 and at Lexington Elementary School in Lexington, S.C. She was a member of the Coburn Corners Church of Christ near St. Joe.

She was born July 16, 1953, in DeKalb County, to Harold and Alice (Hart) Kagey. She married Ronald D. Beard on June 23, 1973, at Coburn Corners, and he survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Tim and Tara Beard of Lexington, S.C.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Laura Beard of Auburn and Alicia and Michael Graves of Auburn; three grandchildren, T.J. Beard and Katie and Ethan Graves; a brother and sister-in-law, Donald and Vicki Reed of South Bend; nine sisters and five brothers-in-law, Anne Reas of Columbus, Ohio, Linda Hammon of Waterloo, Marie and Jerry Logenbaugh of Pendleton, Mary and Ron Miller of Auburn, Jennifer and Randy Putt of Vicksburg, Mich., Dianna and John Huttson of Boerne, Texas, Ruth and Wayne Butler of Bucyrus, Ohio, Donna Oswalt of Mishawaka, and Elaine Thorpe of Citrus Heights, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Richard Kagey.

A celebration of life service will be held Sunday at 3:30 p.m. in the Coburn Corners Church of Christ with Pastor Dave Turpen officiating. Interment will be in Maple Grove Cemetery in Edgerton, Ohio.

There will be no public visitation.

Memorials are to Riley Hospital for Children or St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Condolences may be sent and an online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Marjorie Blevins

AUBURN — Marjorie A. Blevins, 96, of Auburn died Wednesday, June 28, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Blevins worked as a machine operator at Rieke Corp. for 25 years, retiring in 1974. She was a member of the Auburn Women of the Moose.

She was born Nov. 29, 1909, in Elwood to Jesse M. and Emma A. (McPhearson) Davis. She married George Blevins on Sept. 28, 1929, in Warsaw. He preceded her in death on April 8, 1990.

Surviving are three sons, Richard Blevins of North Highlands, Calif., Jerry Blevins of Auburn, Calif., and Jacob Blevins of Auburn; a daughter, Barbara Phillips of Auburn; 21 grandchildren, including Lana Ott of Pittsburgh, Pa., whom Mrs. Blevins raised; 32 great-grandchildren; and three great-grandsons.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, James Blevins; two brothers, Donald Davis and Robert Davis; and two grandchildren, Jason Blevins and Kathie Ann Chastine, whom she also raised.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will be in Elwood Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Heart Association or the American Cancer Society.

Joshua Linthicum

WATERLOO — Joshua David Linthicum, 15, died Thursday, June 29, 2006, in rural Waterloo.

Mr. Linthicum was home schooled and was going into the 10th grade.

He was a member of the Corunna United Brethren in Christ Church in Corunna and was also involved in the DeKalb County 4-H.

He loved to raccoon hunt, fish, ride his ATV and enjoyed being outdoors.

He worked for the Brand Dairy Farm and is remembered as a very hard worker.

Mr. Linthicum was born on March 8, 1991, in Columbia City to Ralph D. and Tanya K. (Householder) Linthicum. They survive.

Also surviving, are one sister, Amber Linthicum, and two brothers, Jacob Linthicum and Daniel Linthicum, all of Waterloo; one grandmother, Maxine Householder of Auburn; four uncles, Dick Sutton of Auburn, Dennis Sutton of Claypool, Robert Sutton of Boyden, Iowa, and Jeff Sutton of Larwill; and several uncles.

He was preceded in death by grandparents, Roscoe and Alice Linthicum and Warren Householder; and one aunt, Sherry Adams.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at the Corunna Brethren in Christ Church, Corunna, with the Rev. Jess Jessup officiating.

Burial will be in the Corunna Cemetery, Corunna.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. on Sunday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S.

Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Corunna United Brethren in Christ Church.

Mary Boyd

ALBION — Mary L. Boyd, 65, of Albion, died at 3:25 p.m. Friday, June 30, 2006, at her residence in Albion.

She resided in the Albion community all her life and was active in the Nimble Thimble Quilt Club at the Ligonier Evangelical Church, where she was a member.

She enjoyed quilting, camping and her grandson, Austin Parr of Auburn, who survives. She work at United Technologies in Ligonier for many years.

She was born in Kendallville on January 22, 1941, to Welty and Helen (Gaff) Smith. They preceded her in death.

She married David E. Boyd on March 2, 1959, in Albion at the Evangelical United Brethren Church. He died on May 5, 2006.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Connie and Scott Parr of Auburn; one grandson, Austin Parr of Auburn; and one sister, Gloria Bullock of Alexandria, Ga.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel,

with the Rev. David Kushman of the Ligonier Evangelical Church officiating.

Burial will be in Merriam Christian Chapel, Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Sunday.

Memorials are to the family. Brazzell Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Daniel Lee Gibson

FORT WAYNE — Daniel Lee Gibson, 59, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, June 29, 2006, at his home.

Born in Fort Wayne, he was a retired sergeant with the Fort Wayne Police Department and a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

Surviving are his fiancée of 12 years, Rose Lesh of Fort Wayne; two daughters and a son-in-law, Betsy Gibson of Fort Wayne and Dawn and John Jones of Garrett; a son and daughter-in-law, Tony and Erika Gibson of Columbus, Ohio; three grandchildren, David and Charles Jones and Sierra Gibson; a sister and brother-in-law, Diann and Lew Mathias of Fort Wayne; and a brother, Edward Gibson of Merritt Island, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Noah and Martha Gibson.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Police Benevolent Fund or American Lung Association.

Mr. Rudolph's passion was horses

'Sport' loved his Belgians, draft ponies

BY BILL GISEL

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WATERLOO — Nick-named "Sport" by his grandmother when he was but an infant, Forrest A. Rudolph of rural Waterloo inherited a German love of horses and the woods.

Mr. Rudolph, who died June 8 at his farm home on C.R. 35, was well-known in the community, participating in parades and giving rides in wagons and bobsleds pulled by either his Belgian horses or his draft ponies.

"His world stopped for fair week," said his son, Richard, of Waterloo. Mr. Rudolph not only took part in the county fair parade, but helped with demonstrations by the Cedar Creek Antique Tractor and Engine Club, threshing wheat and sawing lumber. He owned a number of antique tractors, including the first tractor he ever bought, a 1952 Farmall "H."

Mr. Rudolph's great-grandfather, William Rudolph, came from Germany and established a sawmill where U.S. 30 and U.S. 33 now intersect northwest of Fort Wayne. His grandfather had a sawmill at Auburn Junction, and young "Sport" was cutting and skidding logs from DeKalb County woods at a young age, under the direction of his father, George.

"His passion was horses," said Mr. Rudolph's wife of nearly 53 years, Marilyn. They met at the Silver Moon skating rink near Waterloo, and that led to their first date, she recalled.

After 21 months in the Army following the Korean



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Forrest A. "Sport" Rudolph skids a log from a wooded area at the Allen County

Fairgrounds with a team of his beloved Belgian draft horses.

War, the Rudolfs settled on a farm north of Waterloo for a short time, then moved to the Pleasant Lake area, where they raised a herd of dairy cows for some 10 years. They finally settled on C.R. 35, buying a farm from John Graham, who later would be the county sheriff, in 1968.

Son Roger, of Corunna, and Richard said their dad also had a good sense of humor and loved practical jokes. One Halloween, while attempting a practical joke on a neighbor, "Sport" and several friends were "caught" by the sheriff. The group went to the county jail for a short stay, but it was all a set-up, with the joke on Mr. Rudolph.

Mr. Rudolph also loved to trade knives. He would extend his hand with a knife tucked into his fist, and ask, "Do you want to trade knives?"

Most often, said daughter Roseann, her father would

trade a poor-quality knife to the unsuspecting "victim" for a much better knife. He was well known at the auction in Shipshewana, where Mr. Rudolph transported cattle to the sale, and traded knives with the Amish as well as the "English."

"He seemed to have a never-ending supply of knives in his pocket," Richard said. Roseann said her dad's victims would often give the poor-quality knife to a friend, to trade again in hopes of getting a better knife.

After supporting his children in their high school sports, Mr. Rudolph continued to be a fan of DeKalb Baron basketball, baseball and girls softball. He also followed Purdue and Indiana University sports, especially the rivalries, Roseann said.

"I think it was at the school and at the fair that dad was best known," said Roger.

Richard farms, and said he appreciates horses, but it is daughter Roseann who carries on her father's passion for draft animals.

The Rudolph children grew up working the farm with their dad, and "it is where we wanted to be," said Roger.

Mr. Rudolph's grandchildren also loved being with their grandfather, and he loved being with them, Mrs. Rudolph said.

"And with his great-grandchildren," she added.

"He loved giving rides, like at Eckhart Park at Halloween and Christmas," Roseann said. She especially remembers when her dad came to the Waterloo Elementary School when she was in kindergarten and gave wagon rides to the entire class.

"The best part was that I got to ride home with Dad, instead of on the bus," she said.

Beverly Smith

ALBION — Beverly A. Smith, 64, of rural Albion died at 8:11 p.m. on Friday, June 30, 2006, at her home after a 3 1/2-year illness.

Mrs. Smith was a homemaker and a lifelong resident of the community. She enjoyed her grandchildren very much.

She was born June 30, 1942, in Auburn to Clouce and Helen (Straw) Loucks. She married Jerry L. Smith on April 11, 1970, in Brimfield. He survives.

Mrs. Smith is also survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Michele and Chris Ayres of Albion; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jerry Smith Jr. and Lisa Smith of Cincinnati and James Smith of Albion; a stepdaughter, Vicky Smith of

Hazard, Ky.; eight grandchildren, Sierra Ayres, Katelyn Ayres, Jaden Ayres, Colton Smith, Cortney Smith, Chelsey Smith, Mikaela Forker and Jessica Ramsey; and a stepgranddaughter, Carley Johnson.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her stepfather, Norbert Johnson; and a sister, Bonnie Geiswhite.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion North Ridge Village Chapel. The Rev. Larry Williams will officiate. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society and Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Viola Schiffli

WATERLOO — Viola M. Schiffli, 86, of Indianapolis and formerly of Waterloo died Saturday, July 1, 2006, at her daughter's home in Indianapolis.

She was a former Auburn Rubber Co. employee, and she had worked at Uniform Printing in Kendallville.

Mrs. Schiffli was a member of the St. Michael The Archangel Catholic Church, Waterloo, and a member of the Rosary Society.

She was born Aug. 7, 1919, at Salem Center in Steuben County to Wayne and Edna (Graves) Allen.

On Sept. 10, 1938, she married Wayne Sprankle in South Milford. He died May 30, 1965. She then married Julius V. Schiffli on Oct. 26, 1968, in Waterloo. He died April 4, 1995.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and JoEllen (Gisel) Sprankle of Phoenix; a daughter, Elaine Wilson of Indianapolis; four brothers, Archie Allen of Auburn, Herman Allen of Fort

Wayne, William Allen of Tucson, Ariz., and Robert Allen of Pleasant Lake; a sister, Pat Little of Tucson; eight grandchildren, Mark Wilson, Christopher Wilson Karlson, Nancy Jones, Sam Sprankle, Rebecca Camarata, Tara Jo Sprankle, Ty Sprankle, and Amy Reyes; three stepgrandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Michael The Archangel Catholic Church with Father David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in Wright Cemetery, Stroh.

Calling is from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Masses.

Floyd Mason Sr.

BUTLER — Floyd M. Mason Sr., 64, died Tuesday, July 4, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

He was born in Butler on Aug. 7, 1941, to Carl H. and Rhoda D. (Moore) Mason.

He was a machinist and worked for DeKalb Molded Plastics in Butler for three years before retiring in 1997. He was a member of the Victory Baptist Church in Waterloo and a past member of the Eagles Lodge in Garrett.

He married Kleota B. Hart on Feb. 11, 1966. She survives.

Other survivors include three sons and two daughters-in-law, David and Cherie Mason of Spencerville, Washington "Woody" and Liz Mason of Rome City and Floyd "Max" Mason Jr. of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Dawn and Carrey Penrod of Herington, Kan.; a brother, John J. Mason of Corunna; 11 grandchildren, Mike Mason, Tim Bricker, Sean Bricker, Justin Loomis, Richard Mason, Michelle Mason, Ashley Loomis, Kristele Bricker, Brittany Mason, C.J. Penrod and Matt Roberts; and a great-grandchild, Tristin Rean Loomis.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Carl Mason.

Services will be Friday at 1:30 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Mike Sassanella officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or the American Lung Association.

Marjorie Lash

STAFFORD, Va. — Marjorie Wilma Lash, 84, of Stafford and formerly of Kendallville died Thursday, June 29, 2006. She had been living at the home of her daughter for the past three years.

Mrs. Lash was born Jan. 11, 1922, in Garrett to Chester Orrin Clark and Margaret Pauline Heinlen of Garrett.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Janis Margaret and Al Garcia of Stafford and Diane and Bill LaVigne of Fort Wayne; a son, David G. Lash of Flagstaff, Ariz.; a sister, Judith Morrill of Garrett; eight grandchildren, Kathryn Callaway of Stafford, Louis Garcia and Steven Garcia, both of Chantilly, Va., Michael Garcia of Potomac Falls, Va., Christine Rhine of Muncie, Holli LaVigne of Indianapolis, Rayonna Lash of Flagstaff and Jessica Lash of Sedona, Ariz.; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Giles Albert Lash, of Cottonwood, Ariz.; three sisters, Meredith Lawrence, Vivian Clark and Joyce Reuss; and one granddaughter, Diane Buck Lambert.

A private family celebration of life will be held at a later time at the family home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mary Washington Hospice in care of the MWH Foundation.

Found and Sons Funeral Chapels, Fredericksburg, is in charge of arrangements.

Ricky Cook

AUBURN — Ricky Lee Cook, 52, of Auburn died Monday, July 3, 2006, at his home.

He was born in Noble County on Jan. 21, 1954, to Lloyd Jr. and Naomi (Berryhill) Cook of Auburn. His father preceded him in death.

He graduated from DeKalb High School in 1973 and enjoyed fishing and woodworking. He was an active member of the DeKalb County community for the majority of his life and was employed by American Electric Power for 27 years as a meter electrician.

He was an Auburn reserve police officer for 10 years and coached the Auburn Girl's Softball League for four years. He was an active member of the First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ of Auburn, where he served on several committees.

On April 11, 1976, he married Susan Renee Hartman of Ashley at Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren. She survives.

Other survivors include his mother in Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Rebecca Sue and Bob Mondor of Auburn and Jennifer Erin and Shawn Schwab of Garrett; a grandson, Noah Mondor; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Randy and Shon Cook of Auburn and Ron Cook of Waterloo; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Cindy and Larry Blitz of Garrett and Melinda and Dave Vincent of Fort Wayne; and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, 910 North Indiana Ave., Auburn, with Dr. Robert Craig Officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from

2-8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ in Auburn.

Pollie Davis

MONTGOMERY, Mich. — Pollie Ann Davis, 68, of Montgomery, Mich., died Sunday, July 2, 2006, at Battle Creek Health Systems in Battle Creek, Mich.

Mrs. Davis was born April 10, 1938, in Fremont to Alkie and Eva (Conley) Bailey.

Surviving are five daughters and sons-in-law, Rita and John Stump of Reading, Mich., Sheila and Jim Britton of Osseo, Mich., Teresa and Bernard Hukill and Linda and Randy Pickford, all of Montgomery, and Elizabeth and Ed Barker of Corunna; four sons and daughters-in-law, Rex and Lisa Davis of Bryan, Ohio, Jeff and Sandy Davis of Reading, Nathan Davis and Bridget Hukill of Litchfield, Mich., and Benjamin and Rachel Harrington of Coldwater, Mich.; three sisters, Effie Cox, Luann and Anthee, all of Indiana; a brother, John Henry Bailey of Auburn; 46 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Nelis Davis, in 1973; four brothers; her parents; and a son, Stephen Harrington.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at George White Funeral Home, Reading. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling will be today from 6-8 p.m.

Robert Diehl Sr.

DEFIANCE, Ohio — Robert E. Diehl Sr., 90, died Monday, July 3, 2006, at HaborSide Healthcare in Defiance, Ohio.

He was born on Jan. 22, 1916, to Emmet and Elva (Platter) Diehl in Defiance County, Ohio.

He was a graduate of Mark Center High School. He married Marian Eileen Allen on Dec. 18, 1934, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

He was a farmer, truck driver and a member of the Mark Center United Methodist Church in Mark Center, Ohio.

In addition to his wife, other survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert Edwin Jr. and Rita Diehl of Cadillac, Mich., and Jim and Nancy Diehl of Rochester, Minn.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Sharon and Steve Sierer of Oakwood, Ohio, and Mary Ann Eck of Auburn; 14 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren; and two sisters, Mary Walters of Sherwood, Ohio, and Hazel Jones of Mark Center.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two grandchildren; a brother, Terry; and two sisters, Irene Diehl and Lorene Wesche.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Smith & Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville, Ohio, with the Rev. Tom Graves and Pastor Bob Parker officiating. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery in Hicksville.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the HarborSide Activity Department.

Helen Pickering

GARRETT — Helen M. Pickering, 91, of Garrett, died Wednesday, July 5, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mrs. Pickering was employed as a proofreader for the Garrett Clipper, and was a secretary for Insurance Trustees for nine years.

She was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church and choir for over 50 years, a charter

member of the Kenwig Literary Club, and was named Patron of the Arts by the Auburn Arts Commission. She served as a Democratic precinct committee person, and bowled for many years with the Bowlerettes League in Garrett.

She was born July 27, 1914, in Albion to Franklin and Ruth (Keeran) Mayfield.

On Sept. 16, 1939, in Auburn, she married Kenneth C. "Red" Pickering. He preceded her in death in 1978.

Surviving are a nephew, George Franks of Hasbrook Heights, N.J.; three great-nephews; and special friends Robert and Marjorie Link of LaOtto.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Edward K. Mayfield.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Garrett United Methodist Church with Pastor Scott Moss officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be from noon until 2 p.m. Saturday at the church.



Mrs. Pickering

Edward Foss

FORT WAYNE — Edward W. Foss, 72, of Fort Wayne, died Monday, July 3, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was the previous owner of Foss Auto Clinic and Tri-State Automotive, retiring in 2000. He taught auto mechanics at Ivy Tech and was a member of the Summit City Masonic Lodge.

Surviving are his wife, Janet Foss; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Edward and Cindy Foss of Roanoke, Kim and Elizabeth Foss of Tucson, Ariz., and Scott N. Foss of Dripping Springs, Texas; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Roaxanna and Tim Poertner of Garrett, Laura Foss of Fort Wayne, and Sharice and Jon Pinney of Nashville, Ind.; four grandchildren; 10 step-grandchildren; 12 step-great-grandchildren; and a brother, John Foss of Kent, Wash.

Preceding him in death were a son, Daniel B. Foss; and his parents.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at the D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Steven Cain officiating. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home, with a Masonic service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the Shriner's Childrens Hospital or to the Pet Jamboree Rescue Service.

Memorials are to the Garrett United Methodist Church or the church choir.

Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

William Miller

AUBURN — William R. Miller, 87, of Auburn, died Tuesday, July 4, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Miller was employed as a printer with Pearse Printing, retiring in 1980.

He served in the U.S. Army's 38th Division as a technical sergeant during World War II.

He was a member of the Auburn First United Methodist Church. He was born Nov. 11, 1918, in Alabama.

Surviving are his wife, Roeine (Garman) Miller of Auburn; a sister, Marie Bowerman of Auburn; six nieces, including

Sharon Smith and her husband, Marvin, of Auburn; and six nephews, including Richard Bowerman and his wife, Diane, of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Emery Miller and Estella Sanders.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at the McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First United Methodist Church or American Legion Post 97, Auburn.



Mr. Miller

Ricky Lee Cook

AUBURN — Ricky Lee Cook, 52, of Auburn, died Monday, July 3, 2006, at his home, after a valiant effort battling cancer.

He was born in Noble County on Jan. 21, 1954, to Lloyd Jr. and Naomi (Berryhill) Cook of Auburn. His father preceded him in death.

He graduated from DeKalb High School in 1973 and enjoyed fishing and woodworking.

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**Mr. Cook**

County community for the majority of his life and was employed by American Electric Power for 27 years as a meter electrician. He was an Auburn reserve police officer for 10 years and coached the Auburn Girl's Softball League for four years. He was an active member of the First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ of Auburn, where he served on several committees.

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Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, 910 North Indiana Ave., Auburn, with Dr. Robert Craig officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Visitation will be today from 2 to 8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, as well as one hour prior to the funeral at the church.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or First Christian church, Disciples of Christ in Auburn.

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Surviving are a nephew, George Mayfield of Hasbrook Heights, N.J.; three great-nephews; and special friends Robert and Marjorie Link of LaOtto.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Edward K. Mayfield.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Garrett United Methodist Church with Pastor Scott Moss officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Doris Hixson

CICERO — Doris Hixson, 83, of Cicero died Monday, July 3, 2006, at her home.

She had been an inspector with General Electric for 41 years, retiring in 1982.

Mrs. Hixson was a member of American Legion Post 82 Auxiliary.

She was a native of Garrett.

Surviving are her husband, John R. Hixson of Albion; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Marsha and Joe Larry of Hicksville, Ohio, Sue Hixson of Cicero, Patricia and Patrick Collins of Albion and Gloria and Michael Beau of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Jenna Beau.

Services will be at 1 p.m. today at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to the National Kidney Foundation.

Calling will be from noon-2 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the Garrett United Methodist Church or the church choir.

Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

Eloise Arnold

BUTLER — Eloise Arnold, 83, of Butler and formerly of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, July 5, 2006, at the Laurels of DeKalb

Nursing Home, Butler.

Mrs. Arnold worked as a waitress at Five Points Cafe in Fort Wayne for 35 years.



Mrs. Arnold

She served in the U.S. Navy as a secretary and was discharged in 1943.

She was a member of the Hamilton Church of Christ and the V.F.W. Auxiliary and was secretary of the Mooseheart Ladies Bowling for 30 years. She also belonged to several other clubs and organizations.

She was born in Ligonier on Sept. 15, 1922, to Milo F. and Katherine (Simmons) Miller.

She married Richard A. Arnold in 1943, and he preceded her in death in 1982.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Stephen and Becky Arnold of Avilla; a daughter and son-in-law, Karen Sue and Jerry Wolfe of Hamilton; a brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Delores Miller of Fort Wayne; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Kathryn and Delvin Gangwer of Ligonier and Barbara and Bud Woods of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Robert Miller and Quentin Miller; and three sisters, Margaret Poyser, Devona Medsker and Marilyn Wright.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery, Churubusco.

Calling will be Saturday from noon-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Theresa Skiles

FREMONT — Theresa Mae Skiles, 73, of Long Lake near Fremont died Thursday, July 6, 2006, shortly after admittance to Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola after a sudden illness.



Mrs. Skiles

Mrs. Skiles was a graduate of Camden-Frontier High School in Camden, Mich., in 1950. She was an administrative assistant at the Bryan Times in Bryan, Ohio, retiring in 1988 after 22 years of service. She was an active member of the Clear Lake Baptist Church, where she served as secretary-treasurer of the Women's Missionary. She was a former member of the Bethlehem Christian Union Church near Edon, Ohio.

She was born May 28, 1933, in Hillsdale, Mich., to Frank G. and Ester M. (Reppert) Aldrich. She married Hugh "Mac" Skiles on July 15, 1951, in Edon. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Barbara A. and Kenneth R. Fikel Sr. of Montpelier, Ohio, and Elaine S. Skiles of Quincy, Mich.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Kevin G. and Donna D. Skiles of Edon and Kenneth L. and Becky A. Skiles of Franklin, Ky.; a sister and brother-in-law, Carol G. and Robert Slaybaugh of Auburn; six grandchildren, Kenneth R. Fikel II and Carrie A. Fikel, both of Montpelier, Racheal M. Skiles of Fremont, Jamie B. Skiles of Quincy, Sgt. Ryan R. Skiles with the U.S. Army in Japan and Dustin Johnson of LaGrange; and seven great-grandchildren, Allysia Fikel, Tiana and Tevin Craig, Brenna and Bralin Fikel and Kaine and Kevin Hartman.

Terry Ahr

GARRETT — Terry Sue Ahr, 61, of Garrett died Wednesday, July 5, 2006, at her home.

She was a registered nurse and worked at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne 25 years. She was an assistant professor in the nursing program at IVY Tech for two years, a CPR instructor for the American Heart Association and a member of the Indiana University Alumni Association.

Surviving are her husband, Jerry Ahr; two sons and daughters-in-law, Doug and Valerie Ahr of Fort Wayne and Joe and Ashley Ahr of Mundelein, Ill.; and a sister and brother-in-law, Lynda and Bob Combs of Loogootee.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Melvin and Virginia Abel.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Richard Hartman officiating. Burial will be at Truelove Methodist Cemetery, Loogootee.

Calling is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Clear Lake Baptist Church, with the Rev. Bill Case officiating. Burial will be in Columbia Cemetery in Columbia, Ohio.

Calling will be at the Krill Funeral Home, Edon, from 2-8 p.m. Sunday.

Memorials are to Clear Lake Baptist Church or the charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be left online at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Ruth Lang

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Ruth Shaffer Lang, 86, died Sunday, July 2, 2006, at Boone Hospital Center, Columbia, Mo.

Mrs. Lang attended Stephens College in Columbia, Mo., where she graduated with honors. She was a member of Alpha Pi Epsilon and Kappa Kappa Kappa sororities. She helped organize the first all-girl swing band at Stephens, known as the Briggadettes. She played the piano for the band on KFRU radio.

At the age of 20, she was recognized as the world's youngest cashier at Stephens Bank and was featured in "Ripley's Believe It or Not."

Later, she served as organist at First Baptist Church for many years and was a member of the American Guild of Organists. She was a longtime member of the Margaret Elwang King's Daughters Circle.

She was born on June 24, 1920, in Auburn.

She married Arthur P. Lang of Columbia on Dec. 24, 1941. He preceded her in death after 62 years of marriage.

Surviving are a son, David P. Lang of Columbia; a

daughter, Sharon Lang Matzen of Kansas City, Mo.; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dr. Ford and Inez Wyatt.

A memorial service will take place today at 4 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 1112 E. Broadway, Columbia. A short reception will follow.

Memorials are to the First Baptist Church organ fund or a charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are being handled by Parker Funeral Service, 22 N. 10th St., Columbia, MO 65201.

Cleva Byers-Firestone

AUBURN — Cleva J. "Casey" Byers-Firestone, 82, died Wednesday, July 5, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Born in Fort Wayne, she retired as a pharmaceutical clerk with Lutheran Hospital in 1985.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Suzan J. and Denny Wegman of Churubusco and Martha A. and George R. Sornberger of Frankfort, Ky.; a son and daughter-in-law, Hershel W. and Sondra Case Jr. of Central, Utah; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and her beloved dog, Precious.

She was preceded in death by a first husband, Hershel W. Case Sr., and a second husband, Harry J. Firestone.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, with Pastor Stephen Kummernuss officiating.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial is in Bowers Cemetery.

Memorials are to Alzheimer's Research, 15825 Shady Grove Road, Suite 140, Rockville, MD 20850.

Alice Heckman

GARRETT — Alice L. Heckman, 87, of Garrett died Friday, July 7, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor.

Mrs. Heckman was a real estate agent for Miller Realty in Huntertown until her retirement in 1990. She was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett and the Order of the Eastern Star.

She was born Jan. 1, 1919, in LaPorte to Scott H. and Daisy (Coucher) Webb. They preceded her in death.

She married Harry Jackson Sr. in 1938. He preceded her in death in 1979. She married Carl W. Heckman in 1982 and he preceded her in death in 2000.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Harry Jackson Jr. and Sammie Jackson of Garrett; two daughters, Sandra L. Butcher of Florida and Karen J. Miller of Pierceton; 13 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Haskell, Harry and Nelson Webb, and two sisters, Bessie Hicks and Ramona Voorhees.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Pastor Jeffrey Horn officiating.

Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be e-mailed to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

Claude Moore

BUTLER — Claude D. Moore, 63, of Butler died Thursday, July 6, 2006, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne.

He was employed at Universal Tool and Stamping, retiring in 1996 after 34 years of service. He then worked for the City of Butler Street

Department for nine years.

He enjoyed working in his yard and garden and was an avid Indiana University basketball fan.

He was born Dec. 17, 1942, in Wayland, Ky., to Fielder and Burlie (Manns) Moore. They preceded him in death.

He married Vica Everetts on Nov. 2, 1968, in Butler. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Chantal and Chad Czaja of Butler; two grandchildren, Haleigh and Gunnar Czaja; four brothers, Richard of Lexington, Ohio, Bill of Louisville, Ky., Marvin of Morehead, Ky., and Charles of Columbus, Ohio; and four sisters, Ann Allen of Plymouth, Maggie Schrader and Patty Lykins, both of Willard, Ohio, and Betty Bates of Antwerp, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Larry.

A celebration of life service will be Monday at 11 a.m. at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with the Rev. Paul Patton officiating.

Burial will be in the Butler cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Butler Fire Department.

Condolences may be left at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Doris Dorsey

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Doris H. Dorsey, 92, of Hicksville and formerly of Butler, died Thursday, July 6, 2006.

She was born June 28, 1914, in DeKalb County to Judd and Rose (Hand) Fee, who are both deceased.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Butler Nazarene Church. She married Kenneth Dorsey on Feb. 14, 1956, and he died Sept. 4, 1986.

Surviving are three sons, Gary VanZile of Butler, Dennis VanZile of Auburn and Tom VanZile of Michigan; a stepson, Robert Dorsey of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Judith Brandaberry of Auburn; a stepdaughter, Elsie Huff of Butler; seven grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; and several great- and great-great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by five brothers, Herman, Earl, Russell, Maynard and Edison Fee, and two sisters, Ruth Roden and Amber Heffley.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be at a later date in the Butler Cemetery.

Calling is one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Butler Nazarene Church.

Mr. Richmond was father of 12 by choice

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ANGOLA — Norris Richmond's military career began just after his 18th birthday in 1943.

Norris was drafted into the U.S. Army to serve in World War II. He was living on his family's farm when he was called to serve.

"They called for me as soon as I hit 18," Norris said in an interview with the Herald-Republican in the spring of 2000. "My 18th birthday was Nov. 2, 1942, and they had me on a bus headed for basic training by March 3, 1943."

Norris, who served until July 1945 and had been an active member of American Legion Post No. 31 in Angola since he joined during World War II, died June 25 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

"He was a happy man," said Norris' daughter, Barb Wolf of Angola. "He was wonderful, and it was wonderful to be with him."

Norris married Barb's mother, Bonita, in 1968 when Barb was 15. Norris and Bonita each brought six children into the marriage. Nine of the couple's 12 children are still living.

Although Barb and her siblings were technically Norris' stepchildren, Barb said he treated them all as if they were his own.

"It was comforting to have him," Barb said. "He treated us all like we were his kids. He was just like, the more, the merrier."

That philosophy definitely came into play as Norris and Bonita's children began having children. At last count, the Richmonds were the grandparents of 25 and the great-grandparents of 51.

"He loved them all, but there

were so many that sometimes he couldn't remember who was who," Barb said with a chuckle.

Barb said her parents enjoyed a great friendship as well as a marriage.

"They picked on each other a lot," she said. "They both had a good sense of humor."

The Richmonds had a cottage on Golden Lake, and they enjoyed camping and fishing together.

"They were hard workers, and they both had to have things just so," Barb said.

While he was forthcoming with stories about his World War II experience, Norris didn't sugarcoat the horrors he witnessed.

"There was this Italian boy who was standing no more than from me to that window," he said in his 2000 interview. "He stuck his head up out of a foxhole, and the top of his head got blown clean off. Those are horrible things to see."

A story that Norris shared with the Herald — and one Barb said was familiar to her as well — was about a case of severe frostbite he sustained while fighting at the Battle of the Bulge.

"I froze my feet and legs and wound up laid up in the hospital for six months," Norris told the Herald. Norris spent several weeks in a tent hospital in France, then was shipped back to England to recuperate further before being sent back to the United States.

That bout with frostbite effectively ended Norris' time in the service. He was candid in his 2000 interview, admitting that if he hadn't been drafted, he likely wouldn't have enlisted on his own.

"I doubt I would have, honestly," he said. "I was more or less a farm boy. I could have deferred, but once I started I



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Norris Richmond, center holds a tape measure while fellow Angola American Legion Post 31 members place crosses around the Soldiers Monument this past Memorial Day weekend.

figured I might as well just do it and get it over with. But I can't honestly say I would have just gone ahead and enlisted ... to me, that's volunteering to get killed."

Norris came back to Steuben County after the war. He was commander of the Angola American Legion post five times. He was also a part-time bartender there and did much volunteer work for the post. In his 2000 interview, he described his duties there as "a lot of repair work and cleaning ... plus I babysit the card players."

Barb said the people at the legion were her father's extended family.

"He was there everyday they were open," she said. "And that was so good for him after Mom

died (in 2001) ... it gave him somewhere to go, something to do, and people to be around."

Norris was in fair health for his age until late May, when he took a fall and cracked a bone in his neck. After that injury, he suffered a ruptured bowel and went into septic shock after emergency surgery. Seven days after the surgery, his bowel ruptured again, and his family made the decision to not prolong his life.

"To us, he just didn't seem 81," Barb said. "That was the hard part. But he had a living will, and it was what he wanted. The doctors told us that if he did live, he would have had to be in a nursing home. He wouldn't have wanted that."

Robert Griggs

ASHLEY — Robert Joseph Griggs, 66, of Ashley died Saturday, July 7, 2006, after a short illness.

He was born Feb. 28, 1940, in Dunkirk and he lived near Ashley for 40 years. After graduation from Riverdale High School, he joined the U.S. Navy and traveled to Bermuda, the Mediterranean Sea, Italy, Saudi Arabia and India.

He played and coached softball in Auburn and Butler and enjoyed elk and deer hunting in Colorado.

Surviving are his wife, Karen; two daughters and a son-in-law, Jennifer Griggs of Angola and Pamela Van Zuilen and David Van Zuilen; five grandsons; and one granddaughter. Also, brothers and sisters-in-law William and Peg Griggs of Auburn, Warren Boyce and Lucy Griggs of St. Joe, Aubrey Wedzel and Sandy Griggs of Leo, Kevin and Jan Griggs of Harlan, and David and Pamela Griggs of Auburn; and sisters and brothers-in-law Fletta and Gene Zerns of

Auburn, Katie and Charles Laux of St. Joe, Veda Sue and William Mauller of Leo, Judy Ann and Martin Anspaugh of St. Joe, and Vicki Jean and Reuben Miller of Grabill.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Aubrey and Margeurite Griggs; eldest sister Lois Stauffer; and youngest brother, Kerry Lane Griggs.

There will be no calling.

A memorial service will be at his home July 15.

The Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the Acres Land Trust, 2000 N. Wells St., Fort Wayne, for nature preserve acquisition.

Dorothy Simonetti

AUBURN — Dorothy A. Simonetti, 95, of Auburn died Friday, July 7, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home in Kendallville.

She had been a assistant at the Athol Public Library in Athol, Mass. She was a member of the Unitarian Church in Fort Wayne.

She was born March 25, 1911, in High River, Alberta, Canada, to Thomas and Harriet (Lines) Allen.

On Aug. 5, 1938, she married Leon S. Simonetti. He died Jan. 13, 1968.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Donna S. and Jeremy Russell of Waterloo; a son, Robert L. Simonetti of Phoenix, Ariz.; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death, in addition to her husband and parents, were a son, Lorraine A. Simonette; three brothers, James, Gordon and Russell Allen; one sister, Olive Allen; and a grandson.

There will be no services at this time.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

The Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

George Buckles

AVILLA — George W. Buckles, 64, of Avilla died at 8 a.m. Saturday, July 8, 2006, at Life Care of Fort Wayne.

He was a machine repairman at Auburn Gear for 40 years. He liked to bowl and travel, and he loved his grandchildren.

He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Avilla and American Legion Post 240.

A lifelong resident of Noble County, he was born July 20, 1941, in Swan Township to Russell Owen and LaVina (Owen) Buckles Maulsby.

On June 8, 1963, he married Ann Luttmann at Immanuel Lutheran Church. She preceded him in death on Dec. 10, 2002.

Surviving are two daughters, Cherree Buckles of Avilla and Jenny Salisbury of Albion; a son, Steven Buckles of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren, Evan Buckles and Dylan and Samantha Salisbury; and three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Richard and Pat Buckles and Don and Bethel buckles of Avilla, and James Buckles of Kendallville.

Preceding him in death, in addition to his wife, were his parents; a son, Robert Buckles; two grandchildren, Kathie and Mathew; and a brother, Paul Buckles.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with burial at Eel River Cemetery, Churubusco.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday and from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital, Indianapolis.

Jennifer Ellis

WATERLOO — Jennifer L. Ellis, 39, of Waterloo died Friday, July 7, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She worked for Grabill Bank.

She was born July 21, 1966, in Fort Wayne to Allen and Carol (Libble) Jones.

Surviving are her husband, Bruce Ellis; two daughters, Belinda Ellis and Jessica Ellis, both of Waterloo; her father and stepmother, Allen and Phyllis Jones of Waterloo; and two stepbrothers, Scott Ranney of Tampa, Fla., and David Ranney of Pleasant Lake.

Preceding her in death was her mother.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo.

Calling will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Joan Rissner

AUBURN — Joann Ruth Rissner, 75, of Auburn and formerly of Kendallville died at 10:10 p.m. Friday, July 7, 2006, at Wesley Manor in Auburn where she had been a resident the past two years.



Mrs. Rissner had lived in Noble and DeKalb counties most of her life.

Mrs. Rissner

She had retired in 1996 from Shepherd of the Hill nursing home after more than 16 years as assistant activities director. Prior to that she had worked at the Kendallville Public Library.

At one time Mrs. Rissner had been active in the Noble County Council on Aging and started the group's newsletter.

She was born Feb. 22, 1931, in South Bend to Kenneth and Marjorie (Cunningham) Blech.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Marcia and Gary Fuleki of St. Joe; two sons and a daughter-in-law, George Rissner of Albion and Kenneth and Diane Rissner of Kendallville; a brother, John Blech of Crown Point; 14 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, John Rissner; and a sister, Janice Smith.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Young Family

Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Erik Rissner, Jason Rissner, Chris Fuleki, Travis Smith, Jeremy Green and Kevin Hamshire.

Calling will be from 5-7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Noble County Council on Aging or the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

David Chizmar

AVELLA, Pa. — David R. Chizmar, formerly of Auburn, died Tuesday, July 4, 2006, while vacationing in Alaska.

Mr. Chizmar was a maintenance supervisor for Cooper Tire and Rubber Co. in Auburn. He was transferred to Bowling Green, Ohio, in 1977 and retired from there in 2000.

He married Kathryn Krumma on Sept. 10, 1966, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and three granddaughters.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in St. John Church at Avella, Pa. Burial will be in St. John Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at Jerome A. Stefkovich Funeral Home, 18 Campbell St., Avella, Pa.

Danny Warner

BUTLER — Danny J. Warner, 36, of Butler died Friday, July 7, 2006, when he drowned at the Spencerville dam on the St. Joseph River.

Mr. Warner was employed at Nucor Building Systems in Waterloo for 12 years. He was a member of the Paulding Family Worship Center.

He was born April 13, 1970, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Carl and Hope (Traster) Warner. They survive in Butler. He married Theresa Schmidt on Oct. 20, 1992, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son, Brian of Butler; a daughter, Heather of Butler; three brothers, Ken of Fremont, Carl of Hicksville and Mike of Auburn; and two sisters, Pam Renfrow of Wolcottville and Joanie Warner of Butler.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler, with Pastor Monte Moore officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 3-7 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are to the family.

John Bishop

GARRETT — John R. Bishop, 67, of Garrett died Monday, July 10, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bishop worked for Navistar in Fort Wayne and Springfield, Ohio, for 30 years, retiring in 1988.

He was a member of the Beacon Baptist Church in Kendallville, UAW Local 57 in Fort Wayne and UAW Local 402 in Springfield, Ohio.

He was born in Fort Wayne on Oct. 18, 1938, to Johnnie and Lila (Handley) Bishop. They preceded him in death.

He married Bonnie Warner on Jan. 5, 1957, in Auburn. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Tim and Linda Bishop of St. Joe and Robert Bishop of Garrett; a daughter and son-in-law, Lila and Wayne Slavin of Auburn; four brothers and sisters-in-law, David and Louanne Bishop of Garrett, Jim and Kaye Bishop of LaOtto, Tom and Vicki Bishop of Auburn and Robert and Joyce Bishop of Auburn; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary and Jim Parks of Auburn and Debbie

and Pat Kleeman of Garrett; four grandchildren, Jocelyn Tucker and her husband, Matt, of Butler, and Sarah, Corey and Carrie Bishop, all of St. Joe; and three great-grandchildren, Lucas, Masey and Saddira Tucker, all of Butler.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Beacon Baptist Church, 1511 W. Drake Road, Kendallville, with the Rev. Ron Stratman officiating. Burial will be in the Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be at the church Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. and Thursday from 10-11 a.m.

Memorials are to the family.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Joan Chancellor

BUTLER — Joan L. Chancellor, 74, of Butler died Wednesday, July 12, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Chancellor owned and operated Armstrong Bouquet in Auburn from 1964 to 1983.



Mrs. Chancellor

She was a member of the Butler United Methodist Church and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Butler Lodge 2733.

She was born July 21, 1931, in Mishawaka to Marin and Ada (Riddle) Armstrong. They preceded her in death.

She married Roger G. Chancellor in September 1950 in Mishawaka. He died in 1958.

Surviving are two daughters, Sue Chancellor of Butler and Emily Chancellor of Angola; a brother and sister-in-law, Thomas and Kay Armstrong of Butler; two grandchildren, Jo Collins of Auburn and Jenny Collins of Angola; a stepgrandchild, Kara Carnahan; three great-grandchildren, Gabriel, Journey and Joplin; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Gerald Armstrong and Frances "Bud" Armstrong; and two sisters, Alice Bergman and Edith Alexander.

Services will be Friday at 3 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. E. Brian Carsten officiating. Burial will be in Mishawaka.

Calling will be Friday from 1-3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is being
reprinted to correct errors.

Joann Rissner

AUBURN — Joann Ruth Rissner, 75, of Auburn and formerly of Kendallville died at 10:10 p.m. Friday, July 7, 2006, at Wesley Manor in Auburn where she had been a resident the past two months.



Mrs. Rissner

Mrs. Rissner had lived in Noble and DeKalb counties most of her life.

She had retired in 1996 from Shepherd of the Hill nursing home after more than 16 years as assistant activities director. Prior to that she had worked at the Kendallville Public Library.

At one time Mrs. Rissner had been active in the Noble County Council on Aging and started the group's newsletter.

She was born Feb. 22, 1931, in South Bend to Kenneth and Marjorie (Cunningham) Blech.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Marcia and Gary Fuleki of St. Joe; two sons and a daughter-in-law, George Rissner of Albion and Kenneth and Diane Rissner of Kendallville; a brother, John Blech of Crown Point; 14 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, John Rissner; and a sister, Janice Smith.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. today at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Erik Rissner, Jason Rissner, Chris Fuleki, Travis Smith, Jeremy Green and Kevin Hampshire.

Memorials are to the Noble County Council on Aging or the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Condolences may be sent online to
youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

Olivette Zinn

FORT WAYNE — Olivette A. "Peggy" Zinn, 98, of Fort Wayne died Monday, July 10, 2006, at St. Anne Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Zinn was born in Fort Wayne on May 17, 1908, to August and Amber (Ryan) Young. She was a homemaker.

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Columbian Ladies and Marian's.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Robert M. and Jenny Zinn of Columbia City, Dale F. and Judy Zinn of Fremont and David A. and Geri Zinn of St. Louis, Mo.; a daughter, Diane Lassus of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert, in 2002 and a brother, Raymond Young.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Fort Wayne, with the Revs. Timothy Wrozek and Adam Schmidt officiating. Burial will be in Catholic

Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. with rosary at 4:30 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, and one hour before services at the church on Friday.

Memorials are to Gibault Home for Children or Masses at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Georgia Anderson

AUBURN — Georgia Ada Anderson, 91, died Monday evening, July 10, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Anderson worked as an assembler for General Electric, a seamstress for Knights Leather Co. and a cook for the Fraternal Order of Police Club. She was an auxiliary member of the Fraternal Order of Police. She enjoyed bingo and many activities at Betz Nursing Home.

She was born Nov. 29, 1914, in Churubusco to Joseph P. and Addie (Pepple) Morningstar. They preceded her in death.

Her husband, LeRoy C. Anderson, died in 1981.

Surviving are a daughter, G. Jean Douglas of Spencerville; two grandsons and their wives, Rick and Cindy Chappell of Fort Wayne and Randy and Lois Chappell of Auburn; a grandson-in-law, Terry Baker of Spencerville; five great-grandchildren; and two great-

great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son-in-law, Wayne Douglas; and a granddaughter, L. Renea Baker.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, 6992 S.R. 1, Spencerville, with Father David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery at Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Betz Nursing Home for the activities director or to the family, in care of the Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, P.O. Box 165, Spencerville, IN 46788.

Florence Crabill

CHURUBUSCO —

Florence H. Crabill, 97, of Churubusco died Thursday, July 13, 2006, at 11:05 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett. She had been a patient there since September.

She spent all of her adult life in Churubusco and was a member of the Churubusco Church of the Nazarene. She had worked as a clerk at the former Leitch's Market in Churubusco and at the former Ball Furniture in Churubusco.



Mrs. Crabill

She spent her formative years on the family farm west of Churubusco and was educated in the Churubusco Schools.

She was born in Smith Township on Feb. 10, 1909, to

Charles and Cora (Gaff) Krider. They preceded her in death.

She married Cledith A. "Tiz" Crabill on April 17, 1927. He died Aug. 21, 1983.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Beverly and Hurshell "Bud" Nelson of Churubusco; two sons and daughters-in-law, Max and Wilma Crabill of Garrett and Dale and Norma Crabill of Churubusco; seven grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Genevieve Woll, Evelyn Johnston and Mildred Oyer; and two brothers, George Krider and Arthur Krider.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Sheets and Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Paul D. White, pastor of the Churubusco Church of the Nazarene, officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery south of Churubusco.

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Irene Carter

HAMILTON — Irene Carter, 85, died Wednesday, July 12, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Carter was a homemaker.

She was born July 30, 1920, in DeKalb County to Stearl E. and Delphia (Coburn) Wade. They preceded her in death.

Her husband, Jack Carter, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Jerry and Wanda Creager of Houston, Texas, Bill Creager of Hamilton and Roger and Kathy Creager of Springville, Ind.; a brother and sister-in-law, Don and Violet Wade of Edgerton, Ohio; seven grandchildren, Larrie Creager and his wife, Denise, Carol Robinson, Kevin Creager, Andrea Creager, Kimberly Creager, Ken Creager and Wayne Creager and his wife, Crystal; 10 great-grandchildren; and a great-great grandchild.

She was preceded in death by a son, Richard Creager; two brothers, Robert Wade and Gerald Wade; and a sister, Leon Bills.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. David Leitzel will officiate. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Calling will be at the funeral home today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Saturday from 10-11 a.m.

Memorials are to the Churubusco Church of the Nazarene.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is being reprinted with a correction in the name of a family member.

Joan Chancellor

BUTLER — Joan L. Chancellor, 74, of Butler died Wednesday, July 12, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Chancellor owned and operated Armstrong Bouquet in Auburn from 1964 to 1983.



Mrs. Chancellor

She was a member of the Butler United Methodist Church and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Butler Lodge 2733.

She was born July 21, 1931, in Mishawaka to Martin and Ada (Riddle) Armstrong. They preceded her in death.

She married Roger G. Chancellor in September 1950 in Mishawaka. He died in 1958.

Surviving are two daughters, Sue Chancellor of Butler and Emily Chancellor of Angola; a brother and sister-in-law, Thomas and Kay Armstrong of Butler; two grandchildren, Jo Collins of Auburn and Jenny Collins of Angola; a stepgrandchild, Kara Carnahan; three great-grandchildren, Gabriel, Journey and Joplin; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Gerald

Armstrong and Frances "Bud" Armstrong; and two sisters, Alice Bergman and Edith Alexander.

Services will be today at 3 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. E. Brian Carsten officiating. Burial will be in Mishawaka.

Calling will be today from 1-3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

William Palmerton

COLDWATER, Mich. — William "Bill" Palmerton, 73, of Coldwater, Mich., died Thursday, July 13, 2006, at

Borgess Medical Center in Kalamazoo, Mich.



Mr. Palmerton

Mr. Palmerton was born June 3, 1933, in Ray to Ernest and Imo A. (Sowle) Palmerton. He was a retired pro shop and lawn care employee at Eaton Creek Golf Course in Fremont.

He was a Fremont High School graduate. He enjoyed woodworking, playing music and playing cards. He played with many different bands in and outside of the area, and was able to play once at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tenn.

Surviving are his wife, Sherry (Crow) Palmerton; three daughters and a son-in-law, Marilyn Palmerton and Penny Palmerton, and Marty and Roger Lowe, all of Quincy, Mich.; seven sons and two daughters-in-law, Chris Palmerton and Dino Palmerton, both of Louisville, Ky., Keith, Billy and Steve Palmerton, Alan and Kathy Miller and Craig and Rita Miller, all of Quincy; a sister and brother-in-law, Louise and Earl Kennison of Stroh; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Dean and Barbara Palmerton of Fremont and Terry and Linda Palmerton of Garrett; seven grandchildren, Jordan and Kallie Miller, Bridgett and Timmy Moore and Karrie, C.J. and Jessica Palmerton; and numerous other grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Donald Palmerton in 1999; and a sister, Myra Jean Mounts in 2005.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Norman Noble officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m.

Burial will be in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Bronson, Mich. Memorials are to the family.

Beulah Wells

AVILLA — Beulah B. Wells, 78, of Avilla died Friday, July 14, 2006, at the critical care unit of Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Mrs. Wells was born Nov. 29, 1927, in Churubusco. She had worked in the cafeteria for East Noble School Corp. for many years. She had lived in the community all her life.

She was married to Clarence A. Wells in Auburn on Dec. 28, 1945. He preceded her in death on Sept. 28, 2000.

She enjoyed playing cards — especially euchre — and bingo, listening to music, visiting with people, and animals — especially dogs.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Jerry and Mary Kaye Wells of Westfield and Richard and Sharrel Wells of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Kenneth Helmkamp of Avilla; five grandchildren, Suzane Wells, Angela Cassidy, Elizabeth Way, Brett Helmkamp and Sara Myer; and five great-grandchildren, Matthew, Samuel, Anna, Jack and Kinsey.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery near Kendallville.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Society.

Beulah Wells

AVILLA — Beulah B. Wells, 78, of Avilla, died at 9:05 a.m. Friday, July 14, 2006, in Parkview Noble Hospital's Critical Care Unit in Kendallville.

She worked in the East Noble School Corp. cafeterias for many years, and also worked in dietary at the Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla for many years.

She had lived in the Avilla community all her life.

Mrs. Wells was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla. She enjoyed playing cards, especially euchre and bingo, listening to music, visiting with people, and animals, especially dogs.

On Nov. 29, 1927, in Churubusco, she was born to Denver and Mary (Christon) Herron.

She married Clarence A. Wells in Auburn on Dec. 28, 1945. He preceded her in death on Sept. 28, 2000.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Jerry and Mary Kaye Wells, Westfield, and Richard and Sharrel Wells, Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Kenneth Helmkamp, Avilla; five grandchildren, Suzane Wells, Angela Cassidy, Elizabeth Way, Brett Helmkamp and Sara Myer; and five great-grandchildren, Matthew, Samuel, Anna, Jack and Kinsey.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with the Rev. Thomas Dunbar officiating. Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery near Kendallville.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Society.

Carolyn Trowbridge

KENDALLVILLE —

Carolyn Trowbridge, 76, of Kendallville, died Friday, July 14, 2006, at the home of her daughter, Cathy Brellenthin, in Auburn.

Mrs. Trowbridge was a homemaker and member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

On Aug. 23, 1929, in Kendallville, she was born to Lester and Beulah (Rehwinkel) Wolf.

She married Cecil George Trowbridge on Aug. 23, 1946, in Kendallville. He preceded her in death on April 9, 1993.

Surviving are four daughters and a son-in-law, Cindy Weber, Kendallville, Pam and Steve Munger, Garrett, LuAnn Rathke, Albion, and Cathy Brellenthin, Auburn; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Richard Trowbridge, Kendallville, and Bill and Sue Trowbridge, Washington state; a sister and brother-in-law, Mary Lou and Don Smart, Kendallville; 14 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Rev. Paul B. Griebel officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneral-home.com.

Ronald Shull

AUBURN — Ronald L. Shull, 66, of Auburn died Saturday, July 15, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Shull was a truck driver for Phelps Dodge in Fort Wayne, retiring in 2001. He was co-owner and operator of Shull Auto Sales in Auburn.

He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn.

He was born Jan. 19, 1940, in Auburn to L.D. and Garnet M. (Fouts) Shull. His father preceded him in death, and his mother survives in Auburn.

On Sept. 3, 1960, in Garrett, he married Mary C. Bonikoski. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Brian J. and Sherri Shull of Auburn; two daughters and a son-in-law, Lori A. and Larry Park of Auburn and Linda M. Shull of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Glenford M. and Sue Shull of Bloomington, Minn.; a sister, Sheila Purdy of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren, Carleen, Kelby and Brandon Park; and three stepgrandchildren, Mindy and Josh Smith and Bree Park.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn. Father Babasino Fernandes will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Tuesday

from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, and Wednesday from 9-10 a.m. at the church. A rosary service will begin at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice or the Mark L. Dyken Neurology Center at the Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis.

Tamera Thompson

FORT WAYNE — Tamera Lee Thompson, 45, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, July 15, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are a daughter, Jennifer Thompson, of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Christopher and Amanda Thompson of Spencerville; her mother and stepfather, Brenda and Carl Stephenson of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Christina and Curtis Brown of Fort Wayne; and nieces and nephews.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, with burial in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is being reprinted with corrections and additional information.

Carolyn Trowbridge

KENDALLVILLE — Carolyn Trowbridge, 76, of Kendallville, died Friday, July 14, 2006, at the home of her daughter, Cathy Brellenthin, in Auburn.

Mrs. Trowbridge was a homemaker and member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

On Aug. 23, 1929, in Kendallville, she was born to Lester and Beulah (Rehwinkel) Wolf.

She married Cecil George Trowbridge on Aug. 23, 1946, in Kendallville. He preceded her in death on April 9, 1993. Also preceding her in death were a brother, Richard Wolf, and a sister, Joann Cogan.

Surviving are four daughters and a son-in-law, Cindy Weber, Kendallville, Pam and Steve Munger, Garrett, LuAnn Rathke, Albion, and Cathy and Wally Brellenthin, Auburn; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Richard Trowbridge, Kendallville, and Bill and Brenda Trowbridge, Washington state; a sister and brother-in-law, Mary Lou and Don Smart, Kendallville; 14 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville, at a later date.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneral-home.com.

Glenn Helbert Sr.

GARRETT — Glenn W. Helbert Sr., 92, of Garrett died Sunday, July 16, 2006, at 12:15 a.m. in his home.

Mr. Helbert worked as a conductor on the B&O Railroad for more than 40 years, retiring in 1975. He was a member of the AARP, United Transportation Union, Garrett Historical Society and the Garrett Alumni Association.

He was born June 3, 1914, in Allen County to Perle B. and Matilda Pearl (Moss) Helbert.

On May 10, 1936, in Auburn, he married Sarah Alice West. She died in 1981.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Glenn W. Helbert Jr. and Susan Helbert, James R. Helbert and David and Jan Helbert, all of Garrett; a daughter and son-in-law, Jeanne and Walter Smith of St. Joe; a brother, Ronald Guy Helbert of Fresno, Calif.; 13 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Barron, Perle Jr. and Robert Helbert; and a sister, Kathryn Taylor.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Pastor Wayne Smith will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Martin's Soup Kitchen in Garrett.

Rose Teixeira

AUBURN — Rose M. Teixeira, 65, of Auburn died Sunday, July 16, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Teixiera worked as a cashier at the Sunshine Market for 11 years. She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn.

She was born May 7, 1941, in Auburn.

Surviving are a son, Andy Teixeira of Auburn; and a brother, Bob Bastan of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lionel E. Teixeira.

There will be no services or calling. Burial will be in the Cedar Chapel Cemetery, near Garrett, at a later date.

Memorials are to the family.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Jessie Houck

BUTLER — Jessie F. Houck, 100, died March 6, 2006.

She was born Feb. 13, 1906, in Butler.

She retired from Universal Tool & Stamping of Butler and moved to Florida in retirement.



Mrs. Houck

Surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Mary and Virgil Alwood, Vera and Dwight Ulm, Joan and Jack Yates and Janet Campbell, all of Florida; nine grandchildren; 16 great-

grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Gene Campbell.

Services and burial were in Florida. H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home was in charge of local arrangements.

Ruth Brandon

AUBURN — Ruth G. Brandon, 91, of Auburn died today, July 19, 2006, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Brandon was a homemaker. She was a member and elder emeritus of the First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, in Auburn. Through her 90th year, she served as a volunteer at the Heimach Center in Auburn.

She was born Sept. 6, 1914, in Garrett to Greenwood B. and Lola I. (DeWitt) Wheeler.

Her husband, Nelson Brandon, died in 1995.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David and Kay Brandon of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Kathy and Pat Oppen of Auburn and Linda and Robert Johnson of Indianapolis; six grandchildren and their spouses, Scott and Mary Brandon, Brian Johnson, Blake Johnson, Joshua Oppen, Christopher and Erin Oppen and Kelly Dunham; three great-grandchildren; and a stepgreat-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, George Wheeler and Varian Wheeler; and a grandson, Brandon Johnson.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in the First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, 910 N. Indiana Ave., Auburn, with Dr. Robert Craig offici-

ating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Memorials are to the First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, or the Heimach Center.

Donald Back

GARRETT — Donald L. "Don" Back, 38, of Garrett died Monday, July 17, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Back had worked at Nucor. He enjoyed hunting and fishing.

A lifetime DeKalb County resident, he was born Sept. 19, 1967, in Auburn to Henderson and Marilyn (Kuger) Back.

He married Kathy A. Ruger on June 20, 1986, in Auburn. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are his mother and stepfather, Marilyn and Rodger McCosh of Auburn; his father, Henderson Back; a daughter, Amber Tester of Garrett; two brothers, David Daniels of Auburn and Christopher Back; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Deborah and Jeff Collins of St. Joe and Cathy and Ron Woodward of Kendallville; a nephew, Tyler Woodward; and six nieces, Jessi Christen, Sierra Woodward, Ashleah Woodward, Hayleigh Collins, Darien Collins and Brylyn Collins.

A private service will take place at a later date.

Calling will be Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Memorials are to the funeral home to help with expenses.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

Roy Riddle

ALBION — Roy S. Riddle, 56, of rural Albion was found dead of natural causes at the Flying J Truck Stop in Jackson County, Wis. on Monday, July 17, 2006.



Mr. Riddle

Mr. Riddle spent his formative years in Noble Township, attended Merriam and

Wolf Lake schools and graduated from Central Noble High School in 1969.

He was employed at the Noble County Highway Department, 7-Up, Howard Sober, and for the past 23 years worked for Genova Products in Fort Wayne.

He was a member of St. Matthews United Methodist

Church, Eagles No. 1906, Columbia City Lodge No. 189 F & AM, Scottish Rite, Whitley County Shrine Club, Mizpah Shrine, Tri Lakes Lions Club, American Motorcycle Association for the past 25 years, Old Fort Motorcycle Club where he was a past president, Tri-State Motorcycle Club in Butler where he was a past president, and was district vice president of the AMA Club.

On Jan. 6, 1950, in Fort Wayne, he was born to Stanley James and Mary Catherine (Cox) Riddle.

Surviving include his mother, Mary Catherine Riddle; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Fred and Mariann Riddle and John and Sharon Riddle, all of Albion; four nieces, Julie, Amy, Sara and Jody; and two nephews, Kevin and Steven.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with the Rev. Gene Rohrer officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

A Masonic service will be held Friday following the visitation at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Shriners Hospital Burn Unit or St. Matthews United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneral-home.com.

Kenneth Messer

HOUSTON, Texas — Kenneth James Messer, 41, formerly of the DeKalb County and Steuben County area died Saturday, July 1, 2006, in Houston, Texas.

Mr. Messer moved to Houston 1 1/2 years ago.

He had worked for Bundy Tubing in Ashley for several years and for Mossberg Industries in Garrett as a maintenance and production supervisor.

He graduated from Columbus West High School in Columbus, Ohio.

He was born Dec. 26, 1964, to Alvin and Susan Messer.

Surviving are his father and stepmother, Alvin and Linda Messer of Houston; his mother, Susan Messer of Edgerton, Ohio; his four children, Kendra Ann Messer of Pleasant Lake and Tyger James Messer, Krystal Rose Messer and Leta Jade Messer, all of Butler; a sister and brother-in-law, Kelly and Donald Etheridge of Houston; and two half-sisters, Rose Davis and her husband, Randy, of Houston, and Raechel Messer of Houston.

Services were held July 7 at South Park Funeral Home in Pearland, Texas.

Dennis Eberly

FORT WAYNE — Dennis "Denny" Eberly, 42, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, July 19, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Eberly worked at National Form Tubing for 12 years. He was a member of Gethsemane Lutheran Church.

Surviving are his mother, Carol Eberly of New Haven; his father and stepmother, Ron and Marge Eberly of Defiance, Ohio; a stepsister Lisa Eberly of Defiance; and a stepgrandmother, Ethel Bultemeier Bohrer of Garrett.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in E. Harper and Son Funeral Home, 740 S.R. 930 E, New Haven. Burial will be at IOOF Cemetery, New Haven.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday and from 9-10 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Wernle Children's Home, Richmond, or Gethsemane Lutheran Church.

Patrick Schmutzler

SANTA ANA, Calif. — Patrick Jon Schmutzler, 47, of Santa Ana, Calif., died Nov. 30, 2005, in Irvine Regional Hospital & Medical Center at Irvine, Calif.

Mr. Schmutzler was raised in the Allport, Pa., area by his late grandparents, Orin H. and Lois (Hubler) Crowell. He was a Christian. He served in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Horne and received the Naval Letter of Commendation. He was employed as a data technician by the U.S. Postal Service in Orange County, Calif.

He was born June 30, 1958, in Arlington, Va.

His father, Carl Ward Schmutzler, preceded him in death.

His mother, Joyce Crowell Schmutzler Yeary, survives in Clarkston, Ga.

Also surviving are a sister, Lisa A. Yeary of Stone Mountain, Ga.; a brother and sister-in-law, Greg. A and Angie Yeary of Loganville, Ga.; two nieces, Taylor and Jenny Yeary, both of Loganville; a nephew, Nicholas Yeary of Loganville; several cousins; three uncles and their spouses, Ted A. and Mary Ann Crowell of Allport, Pa., James Neil and Theresa Crowell of Fairhope, Pa., and Jerry and Rebecca Crowel of Pataskala, Ohio; and two aunts and their spouses, Eula and Cal Mansfield of Auburn and Charles Lee and Harold Johnson of Garrett.

His father, Clellan Ted Yeary, preceded him in death.

A graveside memorial service will be today at 1 p.m. in Allport Cemetery at Allport, Pa. The Rev. Karen B. Allen will officiate.

Memorials are to the Gethsemane United Methodist Church bell tower fund, P.O. Box 188, Allport, PA 16821.

Strange & Weaver Funeral Service of Morrisdale, Pa., is in charge of arrangements.

Thelma Burns

AUBURN — Thelma M. Burns, 92, of Auburn died Wednesday, July 19, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

Mrs. Burns was a homemaker and also worked at the former Spiegel's and Schaab's department stores in Auburn.

She was a member of the Auburn Church of Christ and the Pythian Sisters.

She was born in Auburn on Feb. 22, 1914, to Stephen and Emma (Rudolph) Shawver. They preceded her in death.

She married Wagner Burns on Oct. 26, 1935, in Auburn. He died July 5, 1980.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Stephen and Jeanne Burns of Auburn; two daughters, Malinda Burns of Auburn and Sharon Koenig of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren, Kay Rowe and her husband, Don, Terry Carson and his wife, Barb, Greg Koenig, Rebecca Koenig, Sabrina Govin and her husband, Richard, John Burns and his wife, Charlotte, and Jeff Burns and his wife, Brandi; 11 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Jack Carson; a brother, John Shawver; a sister, Elizabeth Shawver; and a half-brother, Dewey Shawver.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be at the funeral home today from 4-8 p.m. and Saturday from 10-11 a.m.

Memorials are to the Auburn Church of Christ.

Dale Davis

WATERLOO — Dale E. Davis, 95, of Waterloo, died Friday, July 21, 2006, in the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home at Butler.

Mr. Davis was a retired Grant Township farmer and was in the cattle-hauling business for 50 years.



Mr. Davis

He was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church, the Garrett Masonic Lodge and the White Shrine. He was a charter member of the DeKalb County Horseman's Association.

He was born in Jackson Township on Oct. 4, 1910, to Chester and Emma (Myers) Davis. They preceded him in death.

He married June Campbell in 1926, and she died in 1961. He married Reuah Bixler in 1962. She preceded him in death in 2004.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Judith and David Capp of Butler; a brother and sister-in-law, Chester and Donna Mae Davis of Auburn; two sisters, Dorothy Lower of Huntington and Meredith Owens of Garrett; four grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Virginia Irven, and a grandson.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Lakewood Park Christian School, 5555 C.R. 29, Auburn, IN 46706, or The Cornerstone Christian School, 4304 S. Oak St., Avilla, IN 46701.

Doris Cummings

BUTLER — Doris M. Cummings, 79, of Butler and formerly of Steuben County died Friday, July 21, 2006, at Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Cummings was a homemaker when living in her own home.

She was born May 1, 1927, in Flint, Jackson Township, Steuben County to Leonard J. and Edna M. (Rogers) Petre. She married Irving Cummings. He preceded her in death.

Mrs. Cummings is survived by a brother, Leonard Petre of Butler; and six sisters, Dorothy Bienz and Edna Brown, both of Angola, Zora May Eckert of South Carolina, Emma Summey of Hamilton, Katie Suddeth of Michigan and her twin sister, Lois Beevers, of Edon, Ohio.

She was also preceded in death by a son, James Morlin, and a brother, Daniel Petre.

Graveside services will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at South Scott Cemetery in Steuben County. Pastor Darold Beck will officiate.

There will be no calling.

Weicht Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Ms. Sine a woman of varied talents

BY JAMIE LEMKE-SARRANO
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THURMONT, Md. — Shelley Sine died on July 8, but there is a reminder of the last time she was in the Thurmont, Md. home she shared with her companion Jim Beachley that remains.

"Her shoes are still by the table where she took them off last, and I can't touch them," Jim said. "Everything in this place, she touched."

Jim said he feels lucky to have had Shelley — who he called his soul mate — in his life, although their time together was short.

"I've met a lot of people in my 56 years," he said. "She was the kindest, truest, gentlest soul I've ever met."

Shelley, a longtime Steuben County resident originally from Orland, succumbed to bile duct cancer after she was diagnosed in early June. The daughter of Wilma and Ralph Thomas of Orland was 50.

Jim said Shelley started having chest pains in May and thought she had just pulled or twisted something while working in the period antiques store the couple had in Thurmont.

The couple went to what is known as the 400-Mile Long Yard Sale, an event that happens each year and stretches across the state of Kentucky, in early June. They had talked about making the trip for years, but Jim said this year he just told Shelley to pack her bags because they were going.

"I knew if we talked about it too much, we wouldn't go," he said.

Although Shelley still didn't feel well, she and Jim had a wonderful weekend shopping, sight-seeing and riding on paddle-wheeled steamboats. Their trip took five days, and when they returned home, it became evident that something was seriously wrong with Shelley.

"She tried to open our store the next weekend, and she was so ill she just couldn't do it," Jim said sadly. "I saw how yellow she was ... it was



Shelley Sine is shown in one of her former column photos.

all downhill from there."

This was a complete about face from a person known for being happy.

"She was always a smiling, happy, bubbly person," said her mother, Wilma. "She was a joy."

Shelley had lived in the Orland and Angola areas her entire life when she moved to Maryland nearly six years ago. She was an interior designer by trade, and found Jim, a cabinet maker who specializes in 18th-century reproductions who is also an expert in the consultation, identification and research of 17th-, 18th- and 19th-century furniture, on the Internet.

"She contacted me for lumber sources, and she just questioned me to death," Jim said with a smile in his voice. "She was fascinated with what I did."

Jim said Shelley kept asking him questions long-distance for two or three weeks, and he finally asked her to come see him in person so he could take her to meet the people she was asking about and take her to dinner. Shelley did just that, and the couple met face-to-face for the first time in the late summer of 2000.

"She was a brave, brave little girl," Jim said. "She left all her friends, all her family, all her animals to move to this strange, new world."

Wilma said even after

Shelley moved to Maryland, she called home "at least a couple of times a week as a rule."

Jim and Shelley lived outside of Thurmont in an 18th-century inn in a tiny burg called Creagerstown. Although they lived the country, Creagerstown is only a short distance from such places as Georgetown, Baltimore and Washington, D.C., which allowed Shelley to "get her big city fix," Jim said.

Shelley wrote a food column, "Everyday Gourmet," for the Herald-Republican during the 1990s, and Jim said that she still loved to cook, eat out and go to wine tastings. He also listed movies and concerts as some of their favorite date destinations.

"Shelley wrote an informative cooking column that was very popular with our readers," said Mike Marturello, editor of the Herald-Republican. We were sorry that the column ended, and were saddened by the news of her passing at such a young age in life. Shelley was very pleasant to work with. She had a way of putting a smile on your face."

Jim said that Shelley so enjoyed writing the food column that she had begun shopping it to newspapers in Maryland.

Jim and Shelley hadn't set a firm date or chosen a place yet, but they were planning on being married this summer. Jim said the wedding likely would have taken place in Orland.

"We were there a lot to see her folks and her family," Jim said. "I knew them and her friends well."

After her diagnosis, Shelley lived "three weeks plus some days," Jim said. Her cancer had attacked her liver, and complications from the disease so ravaged her that she was never in a condition to undergo chemotherapy.

Services were held for Shelley on July 14, and she was laid to rest in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland. A

memorial service was being held in Thurmont for Shelley this weekend, and late last week Jim was still working on the eulogy.

"I could write a book about Shelley and how wonderful she was," he said softly. "This is just so hard. It's destroyed me. She was my life."

Wilma said Shelley had a sensitive heart.

"If she thought someone didn't like her, she'd wonder what she'd done," she said.

For Jim, even common, everyday things are difficult without Shelley by his side.

"We couldn't even go to the grocery store apart," he said. "I'm going to have to find another grocery store ... the ones around here all have memories. We just finally got it right when we found each other, and we were joined at the hip."

Jim said while he only has a handful of true friends, Shelley "collected people."

"She had so many friends, and they were all so different from each other," he said.

Jim said he had lived in his home for 30 years and had barely spoken 10 words to his neighbors, but that Shelley won them over in record time.

"After she died, the daughters came through our courtyard here with a box full of pies, breads and cheeses. They wanted to make sure I was eating," he said. "Before Shelley, they never would have cared. But she had collected those people."

Wilma said she and her family were blindsided by Shelley's untimely passing.

"She was way too young, but we don't have a choice in that matter," she said.

Shelley died at Georgetown University Hospital in Washington.

"I held her in my arms the whole day before she passed away," Jim said quietly. "I was just holding her and kissing her, and she was kissing me back until about an hour before she passed. I am honored to have been that close to her when she left this earth. It is all a person can ask for."

Ruth Heffley

AUBURN — Ruth A. Heffley, 96, of Auburn died Friday, July 21, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Heffley was a homemaker. She was a member of Norris Chapel United Methodist Church in rural Auburn, Souls Harbor Assembly of God church in Auburn, the Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and the DeKalb County Homemakers Club.

She was born Oct. 7, 1909, in Butler to Frank and Emma (Love) Snyder.

She married Kenneth N. Heffley on May 30, 1926, in Hillsdale, Mich. He died Nov. 15, 1978.

Surviving are a daughter, Donna Donaldson of Auburn; a son, Larry Heffley of Auburn; nine grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Helen Deller; two brothers, Dale and Millard Snyder; and a grandson, Kim Heffley.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. There will be no calling.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Evelyn Frazee

AVILLA — Evelyn M. Frazee, 88, died Sunday, July 23, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs.

Frazee formerly lived in South Bend and worked as a seamstress at South Bend Tent and Awning.



Mrs. Frazee

She was born March 28, 1918, in Garrett to Perry F. and Thresa C. (Hollis) Pence.

Surviving are two sons, Ronald West of Heber Springs, Ark., and Raymond Frazee of South Bend; a brother and sister-in-law, Bernard and Joan Pence of Garrett; and four grandsons.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two husbands, James West and Frank Frazee; three brothers, LeRoy, Ray and Edward Pence; and three sisters, Joan Benson, Kathryn Likens and Nancy Rupert.

A rosary service will begin at 10:10 a.m. Wednesday at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla, followed by a funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m., with Father Daniel Leeuw officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling will be Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and Wednesday from 9:30-10:10 a.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic School in Garrett.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

Margaret Esselburn

WATERLOO — Margaret V. Esselburn, 85, died Monday, July 24, 2006, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Mrs. Esselburn was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Michael Catholic Church in rural Waterloo and American Legion Post 31 Auxiliary in Angola. She was a past member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles at Butler, the Loyal Order of Moose at Angola and the Hamilton Fish & Game Club.

She was born Sept. 7, 1920, in DeKalb County to Howard and Edith (Leins) Holman. They preceded her in death.

She married Jay Dorsie Esselburn on Aug. 1, 1936, in LaGrange. He died June 30, 1976.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, DeWayne and Ginette Esselburn of Pleasant Lake; a daughter and son-in-law, Sue and Don Sattison of Auburn; a sister, Esther Keller of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and 17 great-great-grandchildren.

A sister, Wilma Dove, preceded her in death.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Father David Carkenord will officiate. Burial will be in St. Michael Catholic Cemetery in rural Waterloo.

Calling will be Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home, with a rosary service beginning at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Carl Schlosser

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Carl T. Schlosser, 77, died Sunday, July 23, 2006, at Harborside Healthcare in Bryan, Ohio.

Mr. Schlosser was an iron worker his entire life. He enjoyed gardening and was a member of the Hicksville Eagles Aerie 2556 and the Iron Workers Union 147.

He was born Feb. 28, 1929, in Defiance County, Ohio; the son of Arthur and Mabel (Sisco) Schlosser.

He married Dorothy Swartz on May 24, 1950. She preceded him in death.

Surviving are five daughters and four sons-in-law, Terry and Victor Silcott of Hicksville, Barbara and Rudy Jasso of Bryan, Ohio, Judy and Larry Keeley of Hicksville, Sandy Keeley of Hicksville and Kelly and Bill Cannon of Spencerville; one son and daughter-in-law, Norman and Cindy Schlosser of Hicksville; 22 grandchildren and 41 great grandchildren; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Clayton "Sonnie" and Laura Schlosser of Auburn and David and Renee Schlosser of Lafayette; and three sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary "Tootie" Greutman-Scott and her husband, Frank, of Hicksville, Anna Marie and Donald Hoover of Spencerville and Linda and Bruce Doctor of Hicksville.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, Ohio. The Rev. Clarence Zimmerman will officiate. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery at Hicksville.

Calling will be today from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Harry Casebeer

AUBURN — Harry M. Casebeer, 82, died Wednesday, July 26, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Born in Auburn, Mr. Casebeer became the director of engine development for Chrysler Corp.

He was a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers and DeKalb Lodge 214 F.&A.M. and was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Marjorie, of Stroh; two sons, Kenneth M. of Miami, Fla., and David A. of Mount Shasta, Calif.; a daughter, Ann L. of Calgary, Alberta, Canada; and his grandchildren, Gwendolyn and Karl, Emma and Zach, and Ann and Marie.

A memorial service will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Kristoffer Shultz

CHURUBUSCO — Kristoffer Allen Shultz, 32, of rural Churubusco died at 4:33 p.m. Thursday, July 27, 2006, at his home. He had been seriously ill for the past five years.

A native of Auburn, Mr. Shultz had lived several years in Garrett and Fort Wayne.

He had been employed at Mills' Auto Parts Inc. in New Haven and was a member of Churubusco United Methodist Church.

Mr. Schultz enjoyed motorcycles, dirt bikes, fishing and spending time with his dog, Sissy.

He was born Sept. 2, 1973, in Auburn.

Surviving are his father and stepmother, Keith A. and Mary Lou Shultz of Churubusco, with whom he made his home; his mother, Margaret (Cottrell) Christlieb of Fort Wayne; two half sisters, April Christlieb and her companion, Travis Anderson, and Nicole Christlieb, all of Churubusco; a stepsister and her husband,



Mr. Schultz

Tina and Erwin Christie of Fort Wayne; a half brother and his wife, Robert and Jennifer Shultz of Fort Wayne; a stepbrother and his companion, David Miller and Cindy Burnham of Churubusco; his grandparents, Odessa Shultz, Juanita Combs and Doler Bevis, all of Garrett; and a nephew, Devin Clark of Churubusco.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs, pastor of Churubusco United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery at Churubusco.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Monday.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net

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Surviving are his sons, Tyler K. Smith of Wolf Lake and Kenneth Pfafman of Kendallville; his father and stepmother, Keith A. and Mary Lou (Merrill) Shultz of Churubusco, with whom he made his home; his mother, Margaret (Cottrell) Christlieb of Fort Wayne; two half-sisters, April Christlieb and her companion, Travis Anderson, and Nicole Christlieb, all of Churubusco; a stepsister and her husband, Tina and Erwin Christie of Fort Wayne; a half brother and his wife, Robert and Jennifer Shultz of Fort Wayne; a stepbrother and his companion, David Miller and Cindy Burnham of Churubusco; his grandparents, Odessa Shultz, Juanita Combs and Doler Bevis, all of Garrett; and a nephew, Devin Clark of Churubusco.



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Coltlyn Karn

ANGOLA — Coltlyn Christine Karn, 16, of Angola died Tuesday, July 25, 2006, as the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident near Fremont.

Miss Karn was born Sept. 19, 1989, in Auburn to Christopher and Lori "Brandi" (Moore) Karn. She would have been a junior at Angola High School in the fall.

She was a member of the Angola High School tennis team and loved skateboarding.

Surviving are her father, Christopher Karn of Angola; her mother, Lori Karn of Auburn; her grandmothers Sherrie Karn of Auburn and Betty Clark of Mansfield, Ohio; her great-grandmother, June Polas of Mansfield; two brothers, Jordan Moore of Mansfield and Wes Karn of Angola; two nieces, Alexis Coleman and Layla Moore, both of Mansfield; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her grandfathers, Ronald Karn and H.L. Moore.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at Calvary Chapel of Auburn, with the Rev. David Stine officiating. Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, DeKalb County.

Memorials are to the Coltlyn Karn Trust Fund at the First Federal Savings Bank of Angola.



Miss Karn

She never seemed to be discouraged

Martha Beard
inspired many
as she coped
with cancer

BY BILL GISEL

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BUTLER — Martha Beard of rural Butler encouraged a lot of people.

She encouraged her family, who watched her valiant, 16-year struggle against cancer; she encouraged children at the Children First Center in Auburn, where she was a classroom paraprofessional of pre-school children; and she encouraged many strangers, who read a newspaper article about the reunion of her family that had been separated for 46 years.

Mrs. Beard, who was 52, died June 28.

The reunion brought together Mrs. Beard and her nine siblings, who were separated as children and had not been together as a family since that separation.

"She was one of the gentlest women I have ever known," said Mrs. Beard's oldest sister, Linda Hamman of Waterloo. "I admired her, and when I am bothered about problems of my own, I think about her, and then I feel like I can face anything that can come upon me."

About three months before her death, Hamman said, Mrs. Beard and her husband, Ron, auctioned the home and furniture they had shared. They traveled to Tennessee to visit



Ten siblings from across the nation gathered this spring to grant a request from their sister, Martha Beard of Butler, that they reunite for the first time since they were separated as children 46 years ago. Mrs. Beard died June 28 from cancer. In front, from left, are Dianna Hutson of

Texas, Donald Reed of Elkhart, Mrs. Beard, Ruth Butler of Ohio, Donna Oswalt of Michigan and Elaine Thorpe of California. In back are Jenny Putt of Michigan, Mary Miller of Auburn, Marie Longenbaugh of Pendleton, and Linda Hamman of Waterloo.

their son, Hamman said, and planned to go to Niagara Falls together after that.

"But, she couldn't, she was just not able," Hamman said. Mrs. Beard and her husband did manage a last motorcycle trip, however, just two weeks before her death.

"She was able to make sure her husband got a new home and new furniture, and that he would have a place," Hamman said. The Beards even went to make her final arrangements, which Hamman said was a time of laughter and sharing.

Asked how she could laugh

at such a time, Mrs. Beard responded, "The Lord is going to take me home — you are the ones who are going to suffer," Hamman said.

Betsy Rodecap-Kurtz, one of Mrs. Beard's co-workers at Children First Center, marveled at her attitude.

"She never had a day when she appeared discouraged. Her attitude the whole time (of her illness) was, 'God will take care of me,'" Rodecap-Kurtz said.

Beth Keller, another co-worker, said Mrs. Beard "loved life, her kids and grandkids,

and loved being around them." Keller said Mrs. Beard's work carried over to her own children and grandchildren, and she once was seen by another co-worker driving with a load of her offspring.

"They were singing, and she was doing the motions that went with the song, just as if she was at school," Keller said.

"She was a good friend," Keller added.

Hamman said Mrs. Beard's surviving siblings will "keep her memory alive" for the sake of the grandchildren. She was a beautiful woman.

Charles Lott

AUBURN — Charles Edward Lott, 79, of Auburn died Friday, July 28, 2006, at Betz Nursing home in Auburn.

Mr. Lott was a pilot, working out of Baer Field Airport in Fort Wayne, and a veteran who served in the U.S. Navy.

**Mr. Lott**

He was born in Decatur on June 19, 1927, to Chester and Eulalia (Wemhoff) Lott, who are both deceased.

He is survived by three daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Charlie Martz of Corunna, Laurie and Scott Romero of Angola and Christy and Mike Miller of Pensacola, Fla.; a sister and brother-in-law, Marjorie and Delbert

Washler of Butler; seven grandchildren, Nicholas Martz, Rachel (Nate) Schermerhorn, Tyler Martz, Mariah Martz, Maria Romero, Olivia Romero and Michael Miller; and one great-grandson, Grant Schermerhorn.

Services will be Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Corunna with the Rev. Mark Sheafer officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the church.

Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo is charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the

Hoosier Warbird Museum in Auburn

Blanche Fike

ANGOLA — Blanche R. Fike, 74, of Angola died Saturday, July 29, 2006, at Lakeland Nursing Home in Angola.

Mrs. Fike was a homemaker and a member of New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo.

She was born in LaGrange on March 13, 1932, to Michael and Erma (Baird) Barlow, who are both deceased. She married Earl R. Fike in February 1947.

He died in October 1977.

She is survived by four sons, Harry E. Fike of Angola, Cecil W. Fike of Butler, Darel L. Fike of Pretty Lake and Dallas W. Fike of Avilla; two daughters, Rose M. Gill and Arlene O. Parr, both of Metz; 18 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Besides her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a half-brother.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating.

Calling will be Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital or New Hope Christian Church.

Violet Budoso

MIDDLETON, Wis. — Violet Budoso, 54, of Middleton, Wis., died Wednesday, July 26, 2006, at her home.

She graduated from Ball State University in 1974 with a bachelor's degree in teaching and taught at Leo Elementary School. For the past 17 years she worked at Land's End, most recently as learning and development senior coordinator.

She was a courageous adventurer with a variety of interests including kayaking and cross-country skiing. She also was a nature enthusiast with a love of birds and was an avid photographer.

She was born May 19, 1952, in Hillsdale, Mich., to Mike and Julianna (Csatari) Budoso. Her father preceded her in death and her mother survives in Auburn.

Also surviving is a sister, Agnes Budoso of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Rosemary Bender.

Services were Monday at Gunderson West Funeral Home in Middleton, Wis.

A memorial service at the Golden Years Nursing Home in Fort Wayne is pending.

Memorials are to the Breast Cancer Recovery Foundation or Holy Wisdom Monastery (formerly St. Benedict's Center), both at P.O. Box 5070, Madison, WI 53705-0070.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of local arrangements.

Eileen Bosshard

GLEN BURNIE, Md. — Eileen E. Bosshard, 94, of Glen Burnie died Sunday, July 30, 2006, in Cranberry Cottage in Glen Burnie.

Mrs. Bosshard was a homemaker.

She loved music, crocheting, traveling, watching sports, spending time with her family and entertaining.

She was born Oct. 8, 1911, in Butler to Robert E. and Rosa

Agnes (Smith) Preston. She married Merle E. Cofel on June 15, 1929, in Michigan. He died in 1973. She then married Theodore E. Bosshard on Feb. 1, 1975, in Kendallville. He died in 1998.

Surviving are a daughter, Merleen J. Gerber in Glen Burnie; a son, William E. Cofel of Paxton, Ill.; a stepson, Richard Bosshard of Ft. Myers, Fla.; a sister, Orpha Jean Bently of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother and a grandchild.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be two hours prior to services.

Memorials are to Hospice of Chesapeake.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

Derald Kruse, prominent Auburn attorney, dies at 61

AUBURN — Derald D. Kruse, 61, of Auburn died Sunday, July 30, 2006, at the Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis.

Mr. Kruse was an attorney and a partner in the law firm of Kruse and Kruse from 1970 to 2002.

He served as corporate counsel and vice president of Ambassador Steel Corp. from 2002 until his death.

He graduated from Leo High School in 1962 and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Indiana University in 1966. He earned his Juris Doctor degree in 1969 from Indiana University School of Law.

He was a member of the County Line Church of God in rural Auburn, where he served as chairman of the church board for more than 20 years and taught Bible studies for 42

years. He was a member of the Christian Legal Society and Phi Beta Kappa and a past trustee of Mid America Bible College, serving five years.

He also was a member of the DeKalb County Bar Association and Indiana Bar Association and the chairman of the board of Grabill Bank.

He used his vocation to serve his community as DeKalb County attorney, drainage board attorney for both DeKalb and Steuben counties and attorney for the DeKalb County Aviation Board and Northeast Indiana Solid Waste Management District. He was the attorney for Lakewood Park Christian School for more than 20 years. He considered himself a lifelong learner.

He was born Aug. 31, 1944, in Auburn to Russell W. and Luella (Boger) Kruse. His mother preceded him in death. His father survives in Auburn.

He married Jacqueline S. Weller on Aug. 29, 1965, at the County Line Church of God. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and

daughter-in-law, Dane A. and Angela Kruse of Auburn; two daughters, Shannon E. Kruse of Auburn and Janelle R. Kruse of Auburn; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Dean V. and Kristin Kruse of Auburn, David A. and Patricia Kruse of Auburn, Dennis K. and Kay Kruse of Auburn and Daniel J. and Candace Kruse of San Antonio, Texas; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Diann M. and Steve Ferris of Vernal, Utah, and Debra S. and Michael Shoaff of Leo; and two grandchildren, Annaliese and William Kruse.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in the County Line Church of God. The Rev. Bob Herman and the Rev. Stuart Kruse will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-8 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the County Line Church of God Youth Ministries.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Charles Gass

FORT WAYNE — Charles F. Gass, 95, died Monday, July 31, 2006, at St. Anne Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Gass was a former resident of Auburn. He worked at General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne for 44 years, retiring in 1975.

He was a member of Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church in Fort Wayne and the Machinists Lodge AFL.

He was born April 7, 1911, in Allen County to Edward W. and Katharine (Zorger) Gass. They preceded him in death.

He married V. Maxine Rickett on Nov. 28, 1935, in Garrett. She survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Connie and Dallas Wolf of Auburn and Marcia and Dick Cook of Middlebury; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by three brothers, Joe, Leo and Herb Gass.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in St. Michael Catholic Church, 1098 C.R. 39, Waterloo. Father David Carkenord will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be today from 5-7 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Thursday from noon-1 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Michael Catholic Church.



Mr. Kruse

Ruth Heffley

AUBURN — A memorial service for Ruth A. Heffley will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in Soul's Harbor Assembly of God Church, 3810 C.R. 40-A, Auburn.

Mrs Heffley, 96, of Auburn died July 21, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn. She was a homemaker and a member of Norris Chapel United Methodist Church of Auburn, Souls Harbor Assembly of God in Auburn,

the Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and the DeKalb County Homemakers Club.

She was born Oct. 7, 1909, in Butler to Frank and Alma (Love) Snyder.

She married Kenneth N. Heffley on May 30, 1926, in Hillsdale, Mich. He died Nov. 15, 1978.

Surviving are a daughter, Donna Donaldson of Auburn; a son, Larry Heffley of Auburn; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; 17 great-great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by a son, Harold Heffley; a grandson, Kim Heffley; a great-grandson, Ben Heffley; a sister, Helen Deller; and two brothers, Dale and Millard Snyder.

Memorials are to the family in care of Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, IN 46793.

Feller Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Galen Bowker

FORT WAYNE — Galen LaVon Bowker, 59, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Bowker was a graduate of Hicksville High School in Ohio and a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He worked at General Motors in Fort Wayne for 22 years.

He was born May 23, 1947, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Virgil L., and Iva Mae (Dotts) Bowker.

He married Yvonne M. Oberlin on April 28, 1983, in the DeKalb County Courthouse. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Nathan Bowker, Nicholas Bowker and Derek Griffith, all of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren, Jordan, Alexis and Samantha Bowker, all of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Virginia Bissett of Toledo, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two daughters, Sarah Bowker and Tara Oberlin.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler. Burial will be in Big Run Cemetery, east of Butler on DeKalb C.R. 75.

Calling will be Friday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Fort Wayne.

An online guestbook may be signed at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Lori Molin

AUBURN — Lori Ann Molin, 44, died Thursday, Aug. 3, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Molin worked at the law firm of Kruse and Kruse PC as a paralegal. She was a member of the County Line Church of God.



Mrs. Molin

She was born in Garrett to Howard and Barbara Ashenfelter. Her parents survive in Garrett.

She married Gregory L. Molin on Aug. 19, 1987, at the County Line Church of God. He survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two daughters, Chelsea and Katie Molin, at home; a sister and brother-in-law, Linda Snodderly and the Rev. David Snodderly of Auburn; three brothers and sisters-in-law, David and Debbie Ashenfelter of Garrett, Doug and Margaret Ashenfelter of Garrett and Jim and Tina Ashenfelter of Kendallville; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Dr. John Molin and Dorothy Molin of Auburn; and a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Patti and Rick Davis of Auburn.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Community Cares Trust for Chelsea and Katie Molin.

Marelevon Sexton

KENDALLVILLE — Marelevon "Marla" Sexton, 69, of Kendallville died Thursday, Aug. 3, 2006, at home.

Mrs. Sexton was born in Patton Branch, Knott County, Ky., on July 2, 1937, to Earl and Millie (Hall) Thorns-bury. She married Carl E. Sexton on Sept. 10, 1954, in Floyd County, Ky., and he survives.



Mrs. Sexton

She had been employed in the past at the Redwood Drive-In, Puritan Ice Cream and as a cook at the Lutheran Home on Mitchell Street in Kendallville.

She was a member of the Assembly of God Church in Kendallville. She loved gardening, canning and cooking. She spent her time reading the Bible, enjoying southern gospel and bluegrass music and going fishing.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Pam and Jim Montel and Char and Ben Childers, all of Kendallville; four sons and daughters-in-law, Carl Jr. and Judy Sexton and Tim and Beth Sexton, all of Kendallville, Lee and Norena Sexton of Fort Wayne and Greg and Nancy Sexton of Auburn; 10 grandchildren and their spouses, Chad and Aileen Sexton, Jeremy and Holly Sexton, Jeremiah Montel, Brandy Montel, David Sterling, Ashley Sterling, Marc Martinez, Lindsay Sexton, Greg Sexton Jr. and Carlynn Sexton; four great-grandchildren, Michael, Abbigail and Jordyn Sexton and a recent newborn; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Harold and

Vickie Thorns-bury of Walling-ford, Ky. and Earl Lloyd and Brenda Thorns-bury of Watter-ford, Mich.; six sisters and two brothers-in-law, Ulabon Acree and Bonnie Ratliff, both of Eastern, Ky., Alavon and Marvin Gibson of Wayland, Ky., Minnie and William Bays and Sue M. Milligan, all of Prestonburg, Ky. and Herma Keaton of Vanceburg, Ky.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Paula Sexton, on April 18, 2006; and her parents.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Robert Monroe officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital or Parkview Noble Hospice.

Condolences can be left online at www.hitefuneral-home.com.

'She was like sunshine'

Vicky Zimmerman loved all people

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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ANGOLA — Nancy Thain remembers very clearly the night her younger sister, Vicky, was born.

"She was born at home, and she came before the doctor did," Thain said with a smile. "She had hair so blonde, it was almost white."

Vicky, the third of four children, was born with Down's syndrome. But that didn't stop her from having an adventurous spirit.

"She fell down a well pit and got lost in a wheat field," Thain said. "She was just always full of life and ready to go."

Vicky Zimmerman died July 25 at the age of 58. Her health and memory had been failing for a few years. She would have been 59 in September, and Nancy said although that's a long life by Down's syndrome standards, she wishes more than anything that her sister had had more years.

"She was like sunshine," Thain said. "She was so happy and so full of love. We miss her very much."

Vicky was one of the first people to work at the Steuben County Sheltered Workshop, which later became RISE. She worked there for 37 years.

"She was a blonde, flirty, fun-loving girl," said Phyllis Senters, adult day activities coordinator at RISE.

Senters gave a eulogy at Vicky's funeral, and Thain said she couldn't have asked for a more beautiful tribute to her sister.

"If you didn't know Vicky before Phyllis started talking, you sure would have felt like you knew her when she was done," Thain said.



Vicky
Zimmerman

When she first met Vicky, Senters said, she was a "typical young girl." She and the other young women at RISE would have sleepovers, "where they would stay up all night having fun and talking about crazy things," Senters said. She said Vicky often would recall those sleepovers.

Thain said Vicky always wanted to be dancing, and that she wanted others to join her.

"When they had the parties at RISE, she wanted everyone to get up and dance like she did," she said.

Like Thain, Senters said she will always remember Vicky as a girl who loved to cut a rug.

"She just loved to dance," she said. "You'd put on any kind of music with any kind of beat, and she was up and dancing."

Vicky was a good worker,

but sometimes had to be reminded of what she was supposed to be doing.

"She worked hard, but her primary focus was on having fun," Senters said with a smile in her voice.

Senters said in her estimation, Vicky didn't just love people — she adored them.

"She felt compelled, I think, to greet everyone she saw with a big smile and a laugh of sheer joy," she said.

Thain said whenever anyone came to her house, Vicky treated them "like a long-lost friend she'd been waiting for forever."

"She'd be at the door, and she'd say, 'Oh, hi! How are you? I've missed you so much!,' She truly was a people lover. She wanted to be friends with everyone, and I think she was."

Vicky was a sensitive person and would comfort those who needed it.

"When someone was crying, she was always the first one to put her arm around them, ask what was wrong and see if there was anything she could do," Senters said.

Senters said Vicky eventually started coming to work at RISE more and more sporadically, and for about the past three years hadn't been able to come at all.

"It was a real struggle at the end to help her remember to come," Senters said.

For most of her life, Vicky lived with her mother and father, Donald and Margaret. Donald died in 1997, and

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everyone she saw
with a big smile and a
laugh of sheer joy."*

Phyllis Senters
RISE adult day
activities coordinator

Vicky and her mother stayed together in the same house until three years ago, when they both moved in with Nancy.

"I lived right next to them; so they didn't have to go far," Thain said.

Vicky's passing has been very hard on her mother.

"She's having a rough time," Thain said. "She misses Vicky very much."

Thain said those who didn't know her sister missed out.

"I wish more people could have known her," she said, her voice shaking with tears. "She was so special, and not just because she was my sister."

Thain said she will always remember the smile on her sister's face and the sparkle in her eyes.

"She had a good life, she really did," she said. "I'm just sad she didn't have longer. I keep thinking I hear her here. I am never going to stop missing her."

Judith Fields

GARRETT — Judith Ann (Muzzillo) Fields, 57, of Garrett, died Saturday, Aug. 5, 2006, at 3:50 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Fields was a factory worker at Creek Chub Bait Co. and Magnavox Corp. in Garrett. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett and the Garrett American Legion Auxiliary.

She was born March 9, 1949, in Garrett to John and Caroline (Falcone) Muzzillo. Her parents preceded her in death.

On Dec. 20, 1966, she married Herbert Ray Fields in Avilla. He survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Maeann C. and Neal C. Parker and Andrea D. Nodine, all of Garrett; a nephew and godson, Jeremy Michael Lung of Garrett; a sister and brother-in-law, Angela K. and Harry Lung of Garrett; three granddaughters, Kristine Kierston Nodine, Taylor Marie Nodine and Caroline Beverly Parker, all of Garrett; and a grandson, Neal Curtis Parker Jr. of Garrett.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church of Garrett, with Father Dan Durkin officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic Church of Garrett.

Betty Cornewell

FORT WAYNE — Betty Jane Cornewell, 82, died Sunday, Aug. 6, 2006, at the Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

She worked as a press operator at Fabricon and Sheller Globe of Grabill. She also was employed as a florist at Crossroads Floral in Fort Wayne, until she retired and moved to South Carolina to live with her daughter for seven years.

She was born Aug. 4, 1924, in Sturgis, Mich., to Alva and Serina Jane (Wheeler) Reed.

She moved to Fort Wayne and married Chester E. Cornewell on Aug. 20, 1949. He survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Dixie L. Uhrick of Leo, Catherine L. Howard of Fort Wayne and Annette L. Egli of Chester, S.C.; three sons, Larry W. Reed of Butler, Gary L. Cornewell of Avilla and Jerry D. Cornewell of Crawfordsville; 24 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death

by her parents; four sisters, Florence L. McHenry, Violet VanWald, Pansy Gilbo and Bertha Ray; and two brothers, Harley Lemmon and Robert Reed.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, 6992 S.R. 1, Spencerville, with the Rev. David Taylor officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery at Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Wednesday from 5-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family in care of Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, P.O. Box 165, Spencerville, IN 46788.

Orville Heise

GARRETT — Orville L. Heise, 88, formerly of Garrett died Sunday, Aug. 6, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Born in Gormley, Ontario, Canada, he was a farmer and worked for Dana Corp. for 12



Mr. Heise

years. He was a member of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret Heise of Garrett; five daughters, and four sons-in-law, Jean and Robert Strawser of Auburn, Barbara and Carl Lewis of Auburn, Joan Heise of Fort Wayne, Dorothy and Mitchell Barse of Auburn and Debbie and Lindon Robertson of Bethel, Conn.; 11 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two brothers, Arthur Heise of Canada and Carl Heise of California; and two sisters, Luella Lofthouse and Marjorie Heise, both of Canada.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Ida Heise; and three brothers, Edgar, Milton and Paul Heise.

Services will be Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at the Auburn Church of the Nazarene, 2301 N. Main St., Auburn. The Rev. Dan White will officiate.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Thursday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Auburn Church of the Nazarene Building Fund or the Shepherd of the Hill east wing improvements.

Ronald Baker Sr.

BUTLER — Ronald E. Baker Sr., 63, of Butler died Sunday, Aug. 6, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Baker served in the U.S. army and retired from Warner Gear/Auburn Gear. He was an avid motorcyclist and a former Butler Police Reserve officer. He was a member of the Butler Eagles and the Butler post of the American Legion.

He was born Dec. 15, 1942; in Butler to Earl and Betty (Stebing) Baker. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ron and Chris Baker of Butler; a sister and brother-in-law, Jeanne and Robert Jensen of Butler; and two grandchildren, Cody and Samantha Baker of Butler.

Services will be Thursday at 7 p.m. in H.E. Johnson and Son Funeral Home of Butler. Pastor Jim Glasscock will officiate. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 3-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Butler Police Reserve.

Condolences may be sent at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Mabel Schortgen

BUTLER — Mabel A. Schortgen, 86, formerly of Waterloo died Monday, July 31, 2006, at the Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

Mrs. Schortgen was born Oct. 27, 1919, in Henry County, Ohio, to William and Margaret (Bunk) Tietje. She was married to Albert Schortgen, who preceded her in death on Dec. 18, 1989.

She worked as a laborer for a manufacturing company. She was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola.

Surviving are three nieces, Joan Altman of Liberty Center, Ohio, Suzette Miller of Napoleon, Ohio, and Jackie Badenhop of Deshler, Ohio; two nephews, Richard Tietje of Holgate, Ohio, and Robert Tietje of Hamler, Ohio; and a great-nephew, Les Tietje.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, George Leo and Edwin John Tietje; and a nephew, Ronald Eugene Tietje.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery, Waterloo, with the Rev. David Carkenord officiating.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the family in care of Jackie Badenhop, 416 N. Lind St., Deshler, OH 43516.

Pearl Hays

AUBURN — Pearl Irene Hays, 98, of Auburn died Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

She was the oldest living veteran of the Women's Army Corps (WAC) in DeKalb County.

A former resident of Decatur, Ill., she was born in Macon County, Ill., on June 30, 1908, to William Asbury and Mammie Eulalia (Hinsey) Hays.

She worked as a keypunch operator for Illinois Power for many years, then worked as a private secretary for the advertising department. She was a member of Delta Theta Tau Sorority.

She served her country during World War II in the South Pacific in Army intelligence.

Surviving are a sister, Gladys Williams of Auburn; four nephews, the Rev. Dale Williams of Auburn, Keith Williams of Aurora, Colo., Ben Williams of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Greg Hays of Houston, Texas; two nieces, Lori Hays and Stacey Hays; four grandnephews; and four grandnieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and a grandnephew.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 Center St., Auburn.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home of Decatur, Ill., with calling there from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Burial will be in Graceland Cemetery, with military rites conducted by the Macon County Honor Guard.

Memorials are to the memorial fund at the First Presbyterian Church in Auburn or to the American Cancer Society.

An online obituary may be viewed and condolences may be sent to the family on the Web site www.gracelandfairlawn.com.

Lester Bippus

BUTLER — Lester H. Bippus, 85, of Cape Girardeau, Mo., and formerly of Butler died Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2006, at the Missouri Veterans Home in Cape Girardeau.

Mr. Bippus served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was a Pearl Harbor survivor. He received a Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon, American Defense Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, Philippines Liberation Ribbon and Navy Unit Commendation.

He worked for Meyer Alberts Grocer in Cape Girardeau for 13 years and also at a metal foundry in San Francisco, Calif. He was a member of the First Church of God.

He was born Feb. 22, 1921, in Chicot County, Ark., to Otto Franklin and Vera (Poole) Bippus. They preceded him in death.

He married Frieda James on Oct. 2, 1942, in Cape Girardeau. She died in

August 1974.

He married Lillian Vanover in May 1975, and she died Aug. 16, 1989.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Janet and Coy Willard of Cape Girardeau, Mo.; a stepson and his wife, Ronald and Kathy Vanover of Sellersburg, Ind.; a stepdaughter and her husband, Ruth and Doug Meyer of West Unity, Ohio; a daughter-in-law, Stella Bippus of Cape Girardeau, Mo.; two sisters, Dorothy Schlessor of Burlingame, Calif., and Wanda Johnson of Auburn; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a great-great grandson; five stepgrandchildren and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; a son, Frank Bippus; and a brother, Otto Bippus.

Graveside services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Butler Cemetery, with military rites by the Butler post of the American Legion.

Memorials are to St. Jude Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

H. E. Johnson and Son Funeral Home of Butler is in charge of local arrangements.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is being reprinted with revised information from the funeral home.

Pearl Hays

AUBURN — Pearl Irene Hays, 98, of Auburn and formerly of Decatur, Ill., died at 1:15 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

She was the oldest living World War II veteran in DeKalb County. She served her country in the South Pacific during World War II as a member of the U.S. Army (WACS) with the rank of technical sergeant in intelligence.

She was born in Piatt County, Ill., on June 30, 1908, the daughter of William Asbury



Miss Hays

and Mamie Eulalia Hays.

She worked as a keypunch operator for the Illinois Power Co. for many years, later working as a private secretary to the manager of the advertising department. She was a member of the Delta Theta Tau Sorority.

Surviving are a sister, Gladys Williams of Auburn; two sisters-in-law, Dorothy Railing of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Marilyn Hays of Lakewood, Ill.; four nephews, the Rev. Dale Williams of Auburn, Keith Williams of Aurora, Colo., Ben Williams of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Greg Hays of Dallas, Texas; and numerous grandnephews and grandnieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, a brother-in-law, and one grandnephew.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. Sunday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 Center St., Auburn.

Additional calling will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home in Decatur, Ill., where the funeral will be at 1 p.m. with the Rev. Dale Williams officiating.

Burial with military rites conducted by the Macon County Honor Guard will be in Graceland Cemetery.

Memorials are to the memorial fund of the Auburn Presbyterian Church, P. O. Box 448, Auburn, IN 46706 or The American Cancer Society.

On online obituary may be viewed and condolences may be sent to the Hays family at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.

LaFaun Haenel

FORT WAYNE — LaFaun "Bonnie" Haenel, 82, died Monday, Aug. 7, 2006, in Wyoming, Pa.

She dedicated her life to her family and friends. She enjoyed gardening, reading, baking, playing cards and the lottery.

She was born May 14, 1924, in Clyde, Ohio, to Herbert and Mona (Rummell) Sommers.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and Gary Hayes; eight sons and four daughters-in-law, Rick and Joellen Ballard of Willard, Ohio, Jeff and Rod Ballard, Ted and Teri Ballard and Barry Ballard, all of Fort Wayne, Henry Ballard and Dan and Diane Ballard of Auburn and Ken and Sharon Ballard of Wyoming, Pa.; 30 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren; two sisters, one brother and numerous nieces and nephews.

Her parents and two brothers preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with burial in Riverview Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Archie Mobley

LAGRANGE — Archie J. Mobley, 70, of LaGrange died at 12:40 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 10, 2006, at his home in Wolcottville.

He most recently drove a truck for his son and also worked at Starcraft where he did prep work and van conversions. He was a talented mechanic and enjoyed woodworking, deer hunting, gardening and landscaping as well as spending time with his family.

He was born Feb. 7, 1936, to Amos F. Mobley and Nellie Dunfee in LaGrange County. He married Sandra Marcelle Streby on Oct. 2, 1956, in Lexington, Ky. She survives.

Other survivors include three sons and two daughters-in-law, Timothy W. Mobley of Wawaka, and Terry and

Deborah Mobley and Tracy and Patricia Mobley, all of Kendallville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Tawnie and Kevin Reed of Auburn and Tina and Phil Lombardo of Lafayette; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Denver and Lois Mobley of Bronson, Mich., and Wilbur Mobley of Michigan; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Marie and Arthur Yanke of Ontario, Ind., and Stella and Richard Lounsbury of Waterloo; 23 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Thomas; two sisters, Rachel Helferty and Joan; and four brothers, Robert, Harold, Charles and Virgil.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. William Stewart officiating. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be sent to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

James Hershberger

AUBURN — James T. Hershberger, 58, of Auburn, died Thursday, Aug. 10, 2006, at 3 p.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital at Kendallville.

He was born Oct. 14, 1947, in Fort Wayne. In his later years, he lived at his group home in Auburn with his other special family and his wonderful caregivers, who were always there for him.

Surviving are three brothers and sisters-in-law, Larry and Dody Hershberger of LaOtto, Walter T. and Diane Hershberger of Fort Wayne and Kenneth and Judy Hershberger of Fort Wayne; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Carol and John Thurber of Port Charlotte, Fla., and Shirley and Ray Daring of Fort Wayne; a stepsister, Emmy Reber of Bluffton; a sister-in-law, Geraldine Hershberger of Fort Wayne; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Merritt K. Hershberger Sr. and Virginia B. (Bass) Hershberger, and two brothers, Donald Hershberger and Merritt K. Hershberger Jr.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

There will be no calling.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skynet.com.

Law firm, church deal with losses

BY BILL GISEL

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AUBURN — They both died young.

Derald Kruse was 61 and a partner in the law firm of Kruse and Kruse PC. He was active in his church, the County Line Church of God. He died from cancer July 30 at the Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis.

Lori Ann Molin was 44, and she was a legal assistant at Kruse and Kruse. She was artistic and had her own business manufacturing decorative lamp shades. Also an interior decorator, she used her skills while on the custodial staff at County Line Church of God to make sure the church looked good. Mrs. Molin died Aug. 3 at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn, also of cancer.

Derald Kruse's brother, attorney David Kruse, was Lori's supervisor at the law firm.

"She handled all my estate work," David Kruse said. "You need to be sensitive, meeting with family members, and Lori had the compassion to work well with them, to make encouraging statements.

"She was a very top-quality person, and was a Christian and able to share those values and faith in her work," he added.

David Kruse said all the employees of the law firm are going through a period of grief.

"There is a turn coming, we know, where we are going to be thankful for Derald and

Lori," he said. "We are going to be looking at the gain people have had in knowing them. They had model lives, lives to look up to," David Kruse said.

The assistant pastor at County Line Church of God is

Stuart Kruse, a nephew of Derald.

Stuart Kruse said his uncle made a profound impact on the lives of many church members.

"He was so good at conflict

resolution," the Rev. Kruse said. "People went to him for advice and counsel, and since his death, so many members have told me that Derald saved their marriages, or brought (a loved one) back into the church fold.

"That is why our church has been so peaceful for so many years," the pastor continued. "We didn't have conflicts, because Derald was quick to find a resolution. He was a tremendous encourager."

The Rev. Kruse said Derald also taught Bible study in a rather unique way.

"He asked for questions, offered debate. He was big in

getting people to think for themselves, encouraging them to be — like himself — learners," he said.

Mrs. Molin, Stuart Kruse said, was the hardest-working person he had ever met.

"She had a tremendous work ethic and was always willing to lend a hand. She was always willing to do whatever she could do to help anyone or to help the church," he said.

According to the Rev. Kruse, Mrs. Molin viewed her custodial work as a way of "giving God excellence." With her degree in interior design, she wanted to make sure the church was not only clean, but that it looked nice.

Lori's husband, Gregory, is disabled with a serious illness, and Mrs. Molin worked at two jobs as well as her own business. Still, the Rev. Kruse said, she had the energy to volunteer and lend a hand.

"She had a real servant's heart," he said.

Daniel Kruse, another brother of Derald, compared his brother to Jimmy Stewart in his role in the movie, "It's a Wonderful Life."

"Without Derald's impact, many lives would not be as rewarding or good. People are better for knowing him," Daniel Kruse wrote in a tribute to his brother.

Daniel Kruse offered an interesting observation about his brother.

"You might ask, 'Why did God take such a great Christian early?'" Daniel Kruse wrote. He recalled Derald Kruse

recovering from tuberculosis, having a pitchfork lodged in his eye and surviving a head-on crash with a train.

"You might say God extended Derald's life and that he completed his mission," Daniel Kruse wrote.

Mrs. Molin's husband said his wife still found the time to be involved in the lives of their daughters, Chelsea and Katie.

"She made every effort to attend their concerts, birthday parties and take them to the botanical conservatory," Mr. Molin said. "She was the breadwinner, I the house husband."

In the spring of 2005, Mr. Molin said, his wife planted four pear trees in their yard.

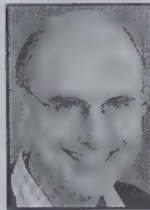
"She loved gardening," he said, and the yard of their home reflects her work.

"She was in pain afterward, and thought she had pulled a muscle," he said. When she didn't get better, she went to the doctor, who discovered spots in her colon that turned out to be cancer. It spread quickly to her liver and lungs.

"I prayed early for God to use us in whatever way He would choose, and I could not withhold her from God," Mr. Molin said. "He is being glorified, and her pain and suffering are over."

Derald Kruse, his brother Daniel said, "had a lot of pain, and he told me it was the toughest fight of his life." Still, he was in prayer for others.

"He is pain-free, and in the presence of God," Daniel Kruse said of his brother.



Mr. Kruse



Mrs. Molin

Lanning Baker

FORT WAYNE — "L.C." Lanning Churchill Baker, 94, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Auburn died Saturday, Aug. 12, 2006, at Townhouse Retirement Center in Fort Wayne.

Before retirement, Mr. Baker was the administrator of DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne from 1972-1981. He had previously worked as business manager at Parkview Hospital. He was a member of Fort Wayne Lions Club, Indiana Lions Foundation and past president of Greenhurst Country Club.

He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps. He spent time in a German prisoner of war camp after his plane was shot down over Germany.

Mr. Baker was born June 28,



Mr. Baker

1912, in Loudenville, Ohio, to Bernard and Nellie (Lanning) Baker. He married Kathleen "Katie" Considine on July 13, 1946, in Indianapolis. She preceded him in death on March 28, 2004.

He is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Bernard and Elizabeth Baker of Omaha, Neb.; a daughter and son-in-law, Lanna and Rich Lee of Churubusco; and four grandchildren, Kelly Lee, Aaron Lee, Christine Baker and John Baker.

Mr. Baker was also preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Cliff Baker, Jim Baker and Bob Baker.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46804 or Cancer Services of Allen County, 2925 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

Dr. John Hines

AUBURN — Dr. John H. Hines, 78, died Monday, Aug. 14, 2006, at his home in Auburn.

He was born Jan. 8, 1928, in Auburn to Archie V. and Georgia A. (Van Fleet) Hines. They preceded him in death.



Dr. Hines

He served his country in World War II in the U.S. Army. After his discharge from the Army, he attended Indiana University Medical School. Before he graduated, he was called up again to serve in Korea with two of his four brothers.

Following his second discharge from the service, he returned to IU Medical School and graduated in 1957. He returned to Auburn and practiced medicine until his retirement in 1999.

He was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church and a former member of Greenhurst Country Club, Auburn Elks, Auburn Moose and American Legion Post 97 in Auburn.

He also was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite and Mizpah Shrine.

He belonged to the medical staff at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, DeKalb County Medical Society and American Medical Association and was a 50-year member of the Indiana State Medical Association.

He married Nancy J. Webb on June 16, 1948, in Angola. She died Nov. 28, 1998.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Patch and Terry Hines of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Yolande and James Sullivan of Lawrence Harbor, N.J., and Jonatha and Rusty Wright of Lutz, Fla.; six grandchildren, Mary Kathryn Sullivan, Georgia Sullivan, Lauren Hines, JP Hines, Jessica Wilson and her husband, Christopher, and Daniel Wright; and two great-grandchildren, Althea Wilson and Stella Wilson.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, A.V. "Patch," Hubert, Stan and David Hines.

There will be no calling or services.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Community Memorial Hospital Foundation, DeKalb Memorial Hospice or DeKalb County Humane Society. Gifts may be sent directly to the organizations or to Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, IN 46706, which is in charge of arrangements.

Rieke Steinbrecher

BAD ZWISCHENAHN, Germany — Rieke Steinbrecher, 21, died July 31, 2006, in a bicycle-auto accident in Bad Zwischenahn, Germany.

She had been an exchange student at DeKalb High School from January to May 2002.

She was very active on the softball team and in the band. She loved to travel and was



Miss Steinbrecher

friendly to everyone she met. She attended Auburn First United Methodist Church.

Her parents wrote that they buried her with "her beloved Indiana flag."

She was born July 12, 1985, in Aldenburg, Germany.

Surviving are her parents, Hans and Hilke Steinbrecher; and her sister, Fiene.

She is also survived by her American host families, Dorothy (Keller) Bonecutter, Charles and LoAnn Bassett, Cris, Angela, Laura and Wil Horton and Jack, Margo and Liz Corey.

Condolences may be sent to Irisweg 6b, 26160 Bad Zwischenahn, Germany, or by e-mail to Hilke1303@aol.com.

Hilda Bercot

ANGOLA — Hilda May Bercot, 93, of Angola died Saturday, Aug. 12, 2006.

Mrs. Bercot was born Nov. 20, 1912, in Hartford City to Joseph Russell and Mary Alice (Colé) McGary. She was married to Franklin Paul Bercot at St. Michael's Church in DeKalb County on Aug. 2, 1946. He preceded her in death on Dec. 17, 1993.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Home Demonstration Club in Fort Wayne. She enjoyed reading, needlework and knitting.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Alice and Thomas Filbrun and Pauline Ann and Steve Elett, all of Angola; five grandchildren and their spouses, Marie and Pat Miller, Angela May and Pat Mead and Max E. Filbrun, all of Angola, Jolene Sue and Cliff Fisher of Sparks, Nev., and Colleen Rene and Steven Seghi of Edgewater, Md.; and six great-grandchildren, Alex Morgan Fisher, Nathan Jeffery Fisher, Jasmine Rene Seghi, Gwyneth Lillian Seghi, Makayla Morgan Mead and Emma Rene Miller.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, Paul Joseph Bercot; two brothers, Theodore McGary and James McGary; and a great-grandchild, Samantha Miller.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in St. Vincent's Cemetery, Fort Wayne. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday.

Calling will be Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Habitat for Humanity.

Condolences can be e-mailed to filbrun@mchsi.com or selett@hotmail.com.

Lawrence Rooks

AUBURN — Lawrence P. Rooks, 57, of Auburn died Sunday, Aug. 13, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Rooks was born Dec. 13, 1948, in Fort Wayne to Patrick E. and Mary Celeste (Schenkel) Rooks.



Mr. Rooks

He was a graduate of Central Catholic High School and was an entrepreneur, enjoying a variety of business interests throughout his life, including real estate sales, administration of several not-for-profit businesses and ownership of a telecommunications company.

He was very civic- and community-minded and received tremendous satisfaction in being of service to others. He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church of Corunna and Auburn Rotary Club, a board member of the Indiana Rural Housing

Authority, a member of the Indiana Board of Realtors, the Eagles Club of Warren, Mich., and Mastermind Group and was active in Junior Achievement.

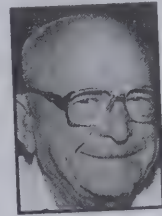
Surviving are a companion, Gail McKinley of Garrett; a daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and David MacDonald of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Douglas L. Rooks and Kelly J. Herber-Rooks of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren, Kathryn MacDonald, Emma MacDonald, Andrew MacDonald, Peter MacDonald, Reanna Rooks and Melinda Herber; his mother, Mary Celeste Rooks of Clearwater, Fla.; and three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Daniel Rooks of Sarasota, Fla., Ronald and Cathy Rooks of Wesley Chapel, Fla., and Richard and Patty Rooks of Clearwater.

Memorials are to Zion Lutheran Church of Corunna Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements. To sign the guestbook or offer condolences, visit www.covingtonmemorial.com.

Curtis Link

AUBURN — Curtis A. Link, 91, died Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2006, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mr. Link worked in the maintenance department for Auburn Rubber Co. and Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. for 26 years, retiring in 1995. He also worked part-time for Fike's Machine Shop in Garrett.



Mr. Link

He attended St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn and was a past member of the Loyal Order of Moose 556 in Auburn and the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Garrett.

He was born Sept. 28, 1914, in Beulah, Mich., to Evan and Nida (Cramer) Link. They preceded him in death.

He married Vera Fales on Sept. 5, 1936. She died Aug. 17, 1989.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Terie and Larry Bauman of Pleasant Lake; a daughter-in-law, Opal Link of Auburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Milo and Margie Link of Gaylord, Mich.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Maysa and Roy Guinn and Wilma and Ralph Carper, all of Auburn; and four grandchildren and their spouses, Bob and Carol Lawson, Max and Emily Fetzer, Todd and Amie Bauman and Ryan Link.

He was preceded in death by a son, Ervin C. Link; two brothers, Arnold Link and Hershel Link; and a granddaughter, Geraldine Fuller.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Steve Evans will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Southern Care Hospice of Fort Wayne.

Raymond McClellan

KENDALLVILLE — Raymond S. McClellan, 88, of Kendallville died at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday,

Aug. 17, 2006, at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center in Kendallville.

Mr. McClellan was a

bricklayer and mason for Demory Construction in Albion. He was a member of Kendallville Church of Christ.

He was born in Elkhart on Oct. 28, 1917, to Levi and Mary (Shultz) McClellan.

He married Lucille M. Gillespie in Auburn on May 9, 1938. She preceded him in death on April 20, 1999.

He had resided at Kendallville Manor since 2000.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Lola Ann and Gary Meeder of Pottersville, Mich., and Teil J. and Rick Neff of Wolcottville; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Larry and Emma McClellan of Topeka, and David L. and Thelma McClellan and Frank McClellan, all of Kendallville; and a sister, Dorothy Powers of Kendallville.

He was also preceded in death by two sisters and two brothers, one son and one grandson.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, with the Rev. Stephen Altman of the Kendallville Church of Christ officiating. Burial will be at Sweet Cemetery.

Casket bearers will be David McClellan, Frank McClellan, Richard Card, Rick Neff, Jerry Butler, Stan Woods and Larry McClellan.



Mr. McClellan

Imogene Cole

ANGOLA — Imogene Cole, 86, of Angola died Friday, Aug. 18, 2006, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Born in Salyersville, Ky., she attended the Assembly of God Church in Angola.

Surviving are four sons, Billy Ray Workman, Birdine Cole Sr. and Everett Eddie Dean Cole, all of Kenton, Ohio, and Daniel Lee Cole of Bluffton; a daughter, Emma Jean Workman of Kenton, Ohio; a stepdaughter, Lisa Sue Roberts; a brother, Richard Workman of Kenton, Ohio; 30 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Chester Cole, in 2003, and her parents, Dick and Ethel (Nicholas) Workman.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery, Angola.

Calling will be Monday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home and Tuesday from noon to 1 p.m.

Memorials are to the family.

Calling will be 2-4 p.m. Sunday at the Kendallville Chapel.

Condolences may be sent to the family at youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

Young Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Antonio Gonzalez

WATERLOO — Antonio G. Gonzalez, 71, of Waterloo died Friday, Aug. 18, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Gonzalez worked on the railroad and also worked at Bohn Aluminum in Butler before retiring in 1998.



Mr. Gonzalez

He was born Feb. 22, 1935, in San Antonio, Texas, to Sabino and Dionicio (Guitierrez) Gonzalez. They preceded him in death.

He married Ernestine Collins on May 31, 1997, and she survives.

Also surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Ruben Gonzalez of Garrett, Antonio "Tony" Gonzalez Jr. and Sandy Gonzalez of Corunna; Lewis "Danny" Gonzalez of Waterloo and John and Linda Gonzalez of Auburn; three daughters and sons-in-law, Rita and Gary Thompson of Auburn, Debra and Gregg Iddings of Waterloo and Faith and Rex Deetz of Auburn; two brothers, Juan Gonzalez and Jesse Gonzalez, both of Texas; three sisters, Andrea Ramos, Bene Guerrero and Eugenia Lopez, all of Texas; 16 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren; his former wife, Margaret Bishop; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Pedro Gonzalez and Refugio "Joe" Gonzalez, and a great-grandson, Dakota Gonzalez.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Home Health and Hospice.

Kenton Benninghoff

ANGOLA — Kenton LeRoy Benninghoff, 87, died Friday, Aug. 18, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Benninghoff retired from Weatherhead in 1984 after



Mr. Benninghoff

30 years. He was a farmer in his early years but over the years he worked for Farm Bureau Co-Op, the Indiana State Highway Department, an Ohio gravel pit, Weiss Machine Shop in Angola and a factory in Hillsdale, Mich. One of his most historic jobs was working for Daley Construction in Angola when they removed the old steel streetcar tracks and resurfaced the streets, then the steel was used for war supplies during World War II.

He loved reminiscing with his family, extended family, friends and neighbors.

He was born in Steuben County on Oct. 4, 1918, to Clyde H. and Della (Mundy) Benninghoff.

He married Betty Jane Bassage on Oct. 12, 1940. She preceded him in death on Sept. 30, 1986.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Donald and Betty Benninghoff of Fremont and Darwin and Vicki Benninghoff of Angola; two daughters and a son-in-law, Della Peel of Angola and Doris and Terry Piatt of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Ruth Myers of Fremont and Beverly Tilbury of Angola.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Robert and Blaine, a son-in-law and one grandchild.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. Jim Hulbert officiating. Burial will be at Flint Cemetery.

Calling will be one hour before services on Monday.

Memorials may be made to Flint United Methodist Church.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Dorothy Bell

WATERLOO — Dorothy Ruth Bell, 82, of Waterloo died Thursday, Aug. 17, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Bell was a retired nurse's aide, having worked at the Butler Hotel Rest Home and Betz Nursing Home. She



Mrs. Bell

was a member of the Waterloo Freewill Baptist Church.

She was born Oct. 5, 1923, in Blackwater, Tenn., to Grant and Myrtle (Moore) Collins. They preceded her in death.

She married Jessie Bell on Dec. 23, 1940, in Sneedville, Tenn., and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Victor Bell of Waterloo and Claude and Sherry Bell of Auburn; four daughters and two sons-in-law, Mabel Robbins of Waterloo, Louise and Dan Call of Waterloo, Brenda and Jeff Bishop of Auburn and Deb Schimpf of Waterloo; a sister, Lucy Mise of Salem; 13 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and 16 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Charles Bell; a sister, Marie Brewer; and a brother, Kenneth Collins.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Waterloo Freewill Baptist Church with the Rev. Ron Stambaugh officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Sunday from 1-2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the family.

Harry Weinhold

HAMILTON — Harry "Lloyd" Weinhold, 89, of Hamilton, died Saturday, Aug. 19, 2006 at his rural home.

He was a lifetime Steuben County farmer.

He was born Nov. 27, 1916 in DeKalb County to Milo and Lennie (Albright) Weinhold.

On Sept. 27, 1941 he married Pearl Casselman in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and their spouses, Dannie and Christine Weinhold of Auburn and Steven Weinhold and Nancy Mowrey of Hamilton; two daughters and their husbands, Charlene and Jack Everetts of Columbus, Ohio, and Gloria and Ray Stanton of Louisville, Texas; eight grandchildren and their spouses, Bradley and Sue Everetts, Jason and Stacy Everetts, Nathan Weinhold, Sabrina and Rayshawn Nowlin, Aaron Weinhold, Jeanette and Mark Manning, Douglas Stanton, and Ginger and John Borer; and seven great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents; two sisters, Velma Richey and Lucille Osburn; and one brother, Harold Weinhold.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Bob Herman officiating. Burial will be at Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

Cory Hankey

BUTLER — Cory J. Hankey, 19, of Butler, died Saturday, Aug. 19, 2006 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was a graduate of Eastside High School.

Surviving are his mother and stepfather, Gloria and Jessie Bard of Butler; his father, Donald Hankey and his father's friend Char; a brother, Ryan Hankey of Butler; two sisters, Tiffani O'Brien of Butler and Jenny O'Brien and her fiancé Robert Zimmerman Jr. of Butler; a niece, Alexis Zimmerman of Butler; paternal grandparents Alvin and Marcile Hankey of Butler; maternal grandmother Leora Daniels of Butler, and many aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Wallace Daniels.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Butler, with Pastor Dale Rabineau officiating.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be made online at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Tom Melchi remembered as generous

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FREMONT — If it didn't rain Friday night, Debbie Melchi was planning on going to a Fort Wayne Wizards baseball game.

"I know that's where Tom would have wanted to be," she said brightly.

Debbie's husband Tom had been in failing health for a few years and passed away at home on Aug. 5.

For more than four decades, Tom Melchi of Fremont was a familiar face at meat counters across Steuben County.

He began his career as a meat cutter at Melchi's Family Meat Market in Jamestown Township. That was followed by a 21-year stint at Gay's supermarkets in Angola and Fremont, and nine years at the Orland Town Market — and his wife of 36 years, Debbie, said the job he loved afforded him the opportunity to make many friends over the years.

"He loved his public, and he loved kids," Debbie said. "There wasn't a child he'd pass up. He'd always give them a piece of bologna or a piece of cheese."

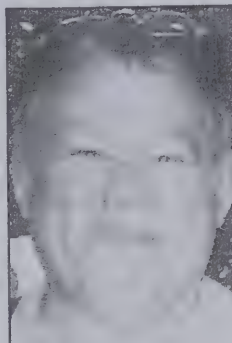
Debbie said over 700 people came to pay their last respects to her husband — and many of them remembered Tom from when they were children.

"I couldn't believe how many people came and told me they remembered when they'd be in the store and they'd get a hot dog or piece of bologna from Tom," she said.

Debbie and Tom met when Debbie was working the counter at Melchi's Family Meat Market. She was 16 and Tom was 19.

Tom had agreed to feed horses for a neighbor who was on vacation ... but failed to mention to anyone that he was afraid of horses. He knew Debbie had horses of her own, and asked her to feed the horses for him.

"He was scared to death of horses and he needed me to do



Mr. Tom Melchi

it," she said. "So I told him the least he could do was take me out to supper."

Debbie hadn't been able to date before she was 16, and Tom was the first boy who took her out. Their first date developed into a courtship, and the couple were married on July 10, 1970 ... Debbie's 18th birthday.

"He was the first man and only man I ever had a date with," she said.

Debbie said Tom had joked that marrying her on her birthday meant he'd only have to buy her one present and one card that would suffice for both her birthday and their anniversary.

"But he never did that," she said. "I always got two presents and two cards."

The Melchis had three children. There oldest and youngest were boys, Tom Jr. and Billy, and the middle child was a daughter, Jennie (now Jennie Skeens).

"It was OK that I was the only girl, because then I was always Daddy's little girl. He was kind of my protector ... not that my brothers were that bad or anything," Jennie said.

Jennie said although her dad was a hard and dedicated worker, he always made time for her and her brothers.

"He was real involved with whatever we were doing," she said. "We were all involved in

sports, and he would never miss any of our games."

That dedication to family carried over from Tom's kids to his grandchildren.

"My kids are 5 and 11. When they started getting involved in Tackwondo and stuff, he'd come to their tournaments," Jennie said. "Even at the end, when it was hard for him, he'd come. It was like he just had to be there."

Debbie said her husband was a man who was honest and believed in the adage that the customer is always right.

"If someone came back with a complaint — and I'll bet in the 41 years he was a meat cutter there were only a handful — he'd do whatever he had to do to make it right," she said.

For 36 years, Debbie was married to a "big guy with a heart that followed" who loved her and was always happy and cheerful. Tom's large stature belied his true personality, however.

"He was a real soft person," Debbie said.

Jennie said she was always amazed by how many people knew her father.

"We went on vacation to Wisconsin when I was 9 or 10," she said. "We were in this rest stop or restaurant or something, and this guy says to my dad, 'Hey, Tom, what are you doing here?' I just could never understand how people knew him everywhere we went."

Eight years ago, Tom had a stroke that seriously debilitated the left side of his body. She said he desperately missed going to work, but that he filled his days with going to Fort Wayne Komets and Wizards games and spending time with his grandchildren.

"Tom always told me he didn't understand people who wanted to be on disability," Debbie said. "He missed working and he missed the people."

In June 2004, Tom was

diagnosed with end stage renal disease. He also had severe vascular disease and suffered from diabetes.

A spider bite led to the amputation of two toes on his left foot in February of this year, followed by the amputation of half of the foot in March.

"Then the right foot started going," Debbie said. "It was just destroying him inch by inch."

His health issues may have been destroying Tom's body, but they never quashed his spirit or his desire to do things with his family.

"Dad and my daughter Alexis had a very special relationship," Jennie said. "Shortly after the amputation, he was out in the garage teaching her how to pitch a softball from his wheelchair."

Tom was a man of great faith. He was "saved" on April 30 and baptized at home on May 4.

Jennie said her parents taught her and her brother simple life lessons that Tom also tried to impart on his grandchildren.

"He wanted us not to be mean to people and to treat them with respect," she said.

Tom was doing dialysis treatments, but the day before he died — a Friday — he told Debbie he didn't want to go through it.

"He said, 'If I'm still here Monday, I'll go to dialysis. If I'm not here, I'm walking with the Lord.' He died on Saturday," she said.

Debbie said early mornings are the hardest for her without Tom.

"That was when we'd eat our breakfast and start our day together," she said. "I couldn't be more proud of him. I miss him terribly, and I always will."

Debbie said she tries to remind her children and herself that although he was young, Tom lived a full life.

"He was only 57, but he did more things in his life than a lot of men ever do," she said.

Rev. Martin Brandenberger

NEW HAVEN — The Rev. Martin L. Brandenberger, 83, died Sunday, Aug. 20, 2006, at 11:27 p.m.

The Rev. Brandenberger founded and pastored at the Fairhaven Mennonite Church for 23 years. He retired from D.J. Brandenberger Inc., after 45 years. He was a devoted member of the Mennonite Church and was active in the Assembly of God 50 Plus club. He served as a conscientious objector for four years at Norristown, Pa.

He was born in New Haven on Sept. 24, 1922, to Jacob and Leah (Graber) Brandenberger.

He married Loraine Nofziger on March 19, 1947, at Central Mennonite Church in Archbold, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Marvin L. and Mary Jo Brandenberger of Sarasota, Fla., Dan and Sue Brandenberger of New Haven and Jay and Nancy Brandenberger of Fort Wayne; two daughters and a son-in-law, Marlene and Tom VerMeulen of Angola and Mary Lou Brandenberger of New Haven; 14 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, D.J. and Elsie Brandenberger of Fort Wayne; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Anna Mae and Enos Steury of Quincy, Mich., and Irene and Rueben Steury of Grabill.



Rev.
Brandenberger

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Maplewood Mennonite Church, 4129 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Yaggy Cemetery at Grabill.

Calling will be Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Saturday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Friends of Israel or the Mennonite Central Committee.

The Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, 6992 S.R. 1, Spencerville, is handling arrangements.

Ethel Calvin

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. — Ethel G. Calvin, 94, died Friday, Aug. 18, 2006, at Port Charlotte Hospice in Port Charlotte, Fla.

Born in rural Putman County, Ohio, she was a clerk and cashier for J.J. Newberry for 23 years, retiring in 1973.



Mrs. Calvin

Surviving are two daughters, Barbara Calvin of Punta Gorda, Fla., and Joan Meeks of Auburn; two sisters, Hazel Walker and Bertha McDougale, both of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Marion L. and Mary Broach McDougale; her husband, Robert R. Calvin, in 1965; a brother, Carl McDougale, and a great-grandchild, Jessie Meek.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N.

Main St., Auburn, with the Rev. Paul Craig officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Tidewell Hospice, 144 Veronica St., Port Charlotte, FL 33953.

Erma Page

LEO-CEDARVILLE — Erma L. Page, 93, died Sunday, Aug. 20, 2006, at The Cedars in Leo-Cedarville.

Born in Allen County, she was a homemaker. She was a member of Leo United Methodist Church (for 73 years) and the U.M. Women's Society and was a Sunday school teacher for 28 years, teaching second-graders.

Surviving are a daughter-in-law, Pam Page of Auburn; four grandchildren and their spouses, Sean and Shawn Page of Auburn, Kimberly and Andrew Guack of Greensburg, Jeff and Dawn Coons of Angola and Suzanne and Jason Shearer of Garrett; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Windred C. in 1980; a son, Jerry Page in 1985; and a brother, Earl L. Schowe.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in Leo United Methodist Church, 13527 Leo Road, with the Rev. Toni Carmer officiating. Burial will be in Leo Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, and Friday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Leo United Methodist Church.

Phyllis Welches

MARKLE — Phyllis A. Welches, 74, of Markle died Monday, Aug. 21, 2006, at Markle Health Care.

Mrs. Welches was a retired kindergarten teacher at Lancaster Elementary School. She graduated from Petroleum High School in 1949 and received her bachelor's degree from Manchester College in 1955. She later earned her master's degree from Ball State University.

She was born Sept. 5, 1931, in Bluffton to Ray and Leota (Walser) Terhune.

On June 22, 1952, she married Garth Welches in Redkey. He died in 2004.

Surviving are two sons, Steve Welches of Garrett and Joseph Welches of Zanesville; a daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Eric Springer of Uniondale; a sister, Becky Starr of Ossian; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home, Bluffton, with Pastor Mike Wertenberger officiating. Burial will be at Six Mile Cemetery.

Calling is from 2-8 p.m. today and from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Thursday at the funeral

home in Bluffton.

Memorials are to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana or Markle Health Care.

Glen Fuelling

HARLAN — Glen Frederick Fuelling, 81, of Frankfort, Ohio, died Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2006, at Valley View Alzheimer Care Center.

He was born May 13, 1925, in Allen County.

Surviving are two sisters, Elinor Beedy of Auburn and Dolly Smith of Harlan, and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be Friday at 3 p.m. in Hockemeyer Funeral Home at Harlan. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery near Harlan.

Janice Witthaus

FORT WAYNE — Janice L. Witthaus, 76, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2006, at Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis.

She was a caseworker with the Allen County Welfare Department for 10 years, retiring in 1998.

She loved genealogy and was a member of the First Assembly of God.

Surviving are a son, Rick Shumaker of Antioch, Tenn.; a brother and sister-in-law, Eugene and Deloris Hammer of Auburn; a sister, Sharlene Price of Fort Wayne; and several nieces and nephews.

Her husband, Paul L. Witthaus, preceded her in death.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road. Pastor Don Williams will officiate. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Assembly of God.

Jenings Fugate

KENDALLVILLE —
Jenings M. "Sonny" Fugate, 55, of Kendallville died at 9:19 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Fugate had moved to Kendallville in 1998 from Garrett.



Mr. Fugate

He had been employed at Bauman-Harnish in Garrett for many years.

Mr. Fugate enjoyed his Harley-Davidson motorcycle, antique cars and spending time with his family. He collected Zippo lighters.

He was born Oct. 11, 1950, in Garrett to Lawrence Sr. and Mary (Coyer) Fugate. He married Laura Arnold on July 22. They had made a home together since 1998. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Trina Fugate of Fort Wayne; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Sonny and Crystal Fugate and Terry Fugate, all of Garrett, and Max and Sherry Fugate of Avilla; a stepson, Roman Arnold of Kendallville; five sisters and two brothers-in-law, Rosemary Sumner of Fort Wayne, Mildred Lena and Larry Mitchell and Billie Jo and Recie Gibson, all of Kendallville, Emma Louise Fugate of Garrett and Sue Bailey of Tennessee; three brothers and a sister-in-law, Michael "Bud" Fugate and Lawrence Fugate Jr., both of Kendallville, and Ellis Gene and Sharon Fugate of South Milford; 11 grandchildren; and one stepgrandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Rex Hart; a grandson, Cody Fugate; and a brother, Dan Fugate.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Liberty Freewill Baptist Church in Wolcottville with Pastor Earl Rose and Pastor Larry Anglemeyer officiating.

Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City. Pallbearers will be Sonny Fugate, Terry Fugate, Max Fugate, Gene Fugate, Colby Sumner, Milton Robinson and Jason Combs.

Calling will be after 4 p.m. today at the church with a singing service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

Dale Torrez

LANCASTER, Ohio —
Dale R. Torrez, 48, of Lancaster and formerly of Auburn died Thursday, Aug.

24, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Torrez was an avid hunter, bowler and golfer.

He had served as Exalted Ruler of the Elks Lodge.

Surviving are his wife of 22 years, Pastor Karen Torrez of Lancaster; two children, Travis and Amanda, both of Lancaster; his mother, Delores Torrez of New Haven; a brother, Steve Torrez of New Haven; two sisters, Linda Mendez and Pilar Torrez, both of New Haven; two nephews; and several aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his father, Aurelio R. Torrez.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Marks Lutheran Church in Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Sunday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home and one hour prior to services Monday at the church.

Memorials are to First English Music Fund, 220 N. Columbus St., Lancaster, OH 43130

Lillie Grate

GARRETT — Lillie M. (Lehner) Grate, 96, died Friday, Aug. 25, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Grate owned and operated the Eastside Grocery in Garrett with her second husband, Elmer Lehner, for 25 years until they retired in 1973. Mr. Lehner died in September 1973.

**Mrs. Grate**

Mrs. Grate was a member of the Butler Church of Christ.

She was born July 30, 1910, in LaGrange County to William and Clara (Chapp) Boyd. They preceded her in death.

She married Brownie Grate on Feb. 14, 1975, in the Cedar Lake Church of Christ. He died Feb. 7, 1991.

Surviving are a stepson, Harold Grate of Corunna; a stepdaughter, Frances Hoyer of Auburn; a brother, William Boyd Jr. of LaGrange; two sisters, Edna Miller of Coldwater, Mich., and Retha Pike of Quincy, Mich.; her caregiver, Sheryl Everetts; nine grandchildren, 27 stepgrandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and seven great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Howard Lehner and Richard Wogoman; four brothers, Robert, James, Clyde and Russell Boyd; and five sisters, Ona Granskog, Mary Wallace, Dorothy Boyd, Elizabeth Schultz and Helen Clark.

Graveside services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Ontario Cemetery, three miles east of LaGrange. Frank Weller, pastor of the Butler Church of Christ, will officiate.

Memorials are to the Butler Church of Christ, P.O. Box 344, Butler IN 46721.

Mr. Rooks found joy in helping others

BY BILL GISEL

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AUBURN — Lawrence Rooks was a man with a variety of business interests, but it was in being of service to others that he took particular satisfaction.

Mr. Rooks, 58, of Auburn died Aug. 13.

The Fort Wayne native was an entrepreneur with a keen interest in real estate sales. But as chief operating officer of Property Renewal and Integrated Scientific Evaluation Inc. (PRAISE) he sought to meet the needs of the economically and health-distressed people of Indiana, according to his friend, Mel Deardorf.

"He provided and preserved low-income housing for senior citizens and others in Indiana," Deardorf said.

Throughout his life, Mr. Rooks had a variety of business interests in addition to real estate sales, including the administration of several not-for-profit businesses and



Mr. Rooks

ownership of a telecommunications company.

"Larry was a poster boy for the expression, 'I never met a person I didn't love,'" Deardorf continued. "Whenever we went out to eat, (people) would stop by our table just to be blessed by his charm."

According to Deardorf, Mr. Rooks had two driving princi-

ples: treat everyone with dignity and respect, and work with the principle of love.

When interviewing a new employee, Deardorf said, Mr. Rooks emphasized those principles.

"Remember, love in expression is always firm, fair and friendly, and always in that order," Deardorf said.

Trish and Richard Lovejoy of New Horizons Consulting of Bolingbrook, Ill., were personal and business associates of Mr. Rooks.

"I especially loved his big bear hugs, and his never-ending delight at either hearing our voices or seeing our faces," Trish Lovejoy said.

Mr. Rooks served on the board of the Rural Rental Housing Association of Indiana,

one of a number of organizations, institutions and community organizations he supported.

"He had much good input," noted Mark Valenti, president of the state association. Made up of owners and managers of affordable apartment communities, the organization "will have a void in our board, both of his presence and his expertise," Valenti said.

Mr. Rooks was a member of Zion Lutheran Church of Corunna and the Auburn Rotary Club and was active in Junior Achievement.

Deardorf called Mr. Rooks his friend and brother in spirit.

"The love he so generously expressed to us will always be with us," he said. "Hopefully, we will ... continue to express it as he did."

Harriet Ludban

GARRETT — Harriet B. Ludban, 85, died Sunday, Aug. 27, 2006, at 5:45 a.m. in Shepherd of the Hill nursing home at Kendallville.

Mrs. Ludban worked as a painter for Creek Chub Bait Co. in Garrett and also for General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne during World War II. She retired from Garrett High School as special activities bookkeeper.

She was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church, a 62-year member of the Garrett American Legion Auxiliary and belonged to Sigma Phi Gamma Alumnus and the Gold Star Mothers. She was a member of the Garrett High School class of 1939.

She was born Dec. 30, 1920, in Garrett, to Glen "Peck" and Ruth (Longbreaker) Bohler.

On July 20, 1945, in Garrett, she married Charles J. Ludban. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Joan Ludban of Wolcottville; two granddaughters, Nicole Kirchoff of Rushville and Leigh Kneller of Columbia City; two great-grandsons, Jacob Kirchoff of Rushville and Adler Kneller of Columbia City; and two great-granddaughters, Anna Kneller and Maggie Kneller, both of Columbia City.

She was preceded in death by a son, Glen Charles Ludban, and a brother, Harry "Jack" Bohler.

Graveside services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett, with the Rev. Howard Compton officiating.

There will be no calling. Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be e-mailed to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

Ivan Blanchard

AVILLA — Ivan L. Blanchard, 58, of Avilla died Saturday, Aug. 26, 2006, at 6:30 p.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Blanchard was an engineer for the CSX railroad for 28 years. He held an embalmer's license and worked part-time for McKee-Miles Funeral Home in 1977.

He was born June 25, 1948, in Charlotte, Mich., to Louis and Ina Mable (Turner) Blanchard. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Laura Kay and John Meyers of Albion and Toscha and Shane Weathington of Jacksonville, Fla.; two sons, Jason Baucom of Georgia and Jonathon Blanchard Shick of Jacksonville, Fla.; a former spouse, Carolyn Shick of Jacksonville, Fla.; two special friends, Kay Mason of Avilla and Nancy Lantz of Garrett; a brother and sister-in-law, Doyle and Sherry Marten of Fremont; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Charmaine and Mike Kendall of Wawaka and Rose and Toby Mosley of Garrett; a sister, Ina Blanchard of Albion; and four grandchildren.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1577 C.R. 56, Garrett. Pastor Edward Thompson of Good News Baptist Church in Churubusco will officiate.

Calling will be Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Good News Baptist Youth Fund.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

Lilith Fletcher

BUTLER — Lilith Y. Fletcher, 66, of Butler died Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2006, at her home.

She worked at North American in Fort Wayne and then at Anderson Bindery, also in Fort Wayne, until her retirement in 2002.

She was born Sept. 23, 1939, in Columbia City to Floyd and Dorothy (Erne) Mettler. Her mother preceded her in death, and her father survives in St. Paris, Ohio.

Surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, John and Dawn Bryie of Fort Wayne, Kevin and Jean Bryie of Butler, Steven Bryie of San Diego, Calif., and Anthony and April Fletcher of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Jeanie Erikson of Angola; 16 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, with three more on the way; a brother and sister-in-law, Ronald "Kirk" and Jackie Mettler of Lakeland, Fla.; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Vickie and Jimmy Fletcher of Eureka, S.D., and Sherry Miller of Pendleton, Ore.

She was preceded in death by three grandchildren, Mariah Bryie, Anthony Michael Fletcher and Brandon Daniel Fletcher.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in the Corunna United Brethren in Christ Church. The Rev. Jason Hollopeter will officiate.

Calling will be Thursday from 4-8 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Cancer Care Center of Angola or DeKalb Home Health Care and Hospice.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Wanda Penfield

KENDALLVILLE — Wanda Penfield, 90, of Kendallville died at 4 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 27, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville where she had been a resident the past six years.

Mrs.

Penfield had been a medical assistant and receptionist.

She had lived in Wolcottville from 1948 to

2000 and had also worked at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville for many years.

Mrs. Penfield was a member of St. Gaspar Catholic Church.

She was born Sept. 14, 1915, in Kendallville to Joseph and Levah (Frohnhafer) Nelson.

Surviving are two sisters, Waunetta Plumb of Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville and formerly of Wolcottville, and Betty Whetstone of Union, Mich.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Marjorie Loris and Dorothy Baad.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at the Shepherd of the Hill chapel in Kendallville with Father Matt Jozefiak of St. Gaspar Catholic Church in Rome City officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville.

Memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill nursing home.



Mrs. Penfield

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Her mother preceded her in death, and her father survives in St. Paris, Ohio.

Surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, John and Dawn Bryie of Fort Wayne, Kevin and Jean Bryie of Butler, Steven Bryie of San Diego, Calif., and Anthony and April Fletcher of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Jeanie Erikson of Angola; 16 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, with three more on the way; a brother and sister-in-law, Ronald "Kirk" and Jackie Mettler of Lakeland, Fla.; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Vickie and Jimmy Fletcher of Eureka, S.D., and Sherry Miller of Pendleton, Ore.

She was preceded in death by three grandchildren, Mariah Bryie, Anthony Michael Fletcher and Brandon Daniel Fletcher.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in the Corunna United

Brethren in Christ Church. The Rev. Jason Hollopeter will officiate.

Calling will be Thursday from 4-8 p.m. and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Cancer Care Center of Angola or DeKalb Home Health Care and Hospice.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

LeMoile Staley

FORT WAYNE — LeMoile E. Staley, 92, died Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2006, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Auburn, she was a homemaker and a member of St. Joseph United Methodist Church.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Robert Staley of Fort Wayne and John and Linda Staley of Churubusco; a brother, Oscar Graf of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Randall Staley; a brother, Hilton Graf; and a sister, Phyllis Hullhorst.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Joseph United Methodist Church.

Frances Allison

AUBURN — Frances Allison, 90, of Auburn died Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.



Mrs. Allison

Mrs. Allison was president of the first Northeast Indiana Hospital Women's Association, a member of Kappa Kappa Kappa Sorority and the Associate Chapter and PEO. She was a member of Greenhurst Country Club and a charter member of Habanera.

She attended Albany High School and DePauw University.

She was born June 6, 1916, in Albany to Jessie and C. Roy McCormick.

She married Donald M. Allison on Nov. 27, 1937. He died Nov. 21, 2000.

Surviving are three sons, Don Allison and Philip Allison, and their wives, all of Auburn and Lee Allison of Scottsdale, Ariz.; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Charles R. McCormick Sr. and Tom R. McCormick; and a sister, Judith M. Watson.

A memorial service will be Friday at 11 a.m. in the Auburn Presbyterian Church. The Rev. William Haworth will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 9:30-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Auburn Presbyterian Church or the DeKalb County Community Foundation.

Cynthia Bridges

NACOGDOCHES, Texas

Cynthia Kay "Cindy" Bridges, 55, died Aug. 7, 2006, in Nacogdoches, Texas.

She was born Feb. 13, 1951, in Garrett.

She worked in construction for most of her life, with some of that career spent with Brown & Root in Nacogdoches.



Ms. Bridges

She was a 1969 graduate of Tucson High School in Tucson, Ariz. Her Native American spiritual brothers and sisters named her "Warrior Woman" for her constant fight to live and triumph over her disease, diabetes.

Surviving are her son, James Elvis Cates of Nacogdoches; her mother, Joan Sanxter of Pyatt, Ark.; a stepmother, Thelma Mock of Tucson, Ariz.; her sister, Yvonda Lee Robinett of Pyatt, Ark.; and her grandmother, Edna Haffner of Butler.

She was preceded in death by her father, Robert Mock; a grandfather, Roy Mock of Butler; and grandparents Mabel and Lamont Likes.

A memorial service was held Aug. 15 at Lilly Grove Baptist Church with the Rev. Sonny Scarborough officiating.

Memorials are to The Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, 550 Bailey Ave., Suite 304, Fort Worth, TX 76107.

Cason Monk-Metcalf Funeral Directors was in charge of arrangements.

Bertha Woodcox

AUBURN — Bertha Glen Woodcox, 98, of Auburn died Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Woodcox was a homemaker and was retired as a teacher for DeKalb Central schools. She was a member of the Auburn First United Methodist Church.

She was born April 1, 1908, in Teegardin, Ind., to Melvin and Jessie (Ross) Perry. They preceded her in death.

She married Cecil Woodcox on July 3, 1936, in Plymouth. He died in 1959.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Philip and Rosalie Woodcox of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Kay and Dalen Showalter of Queensbury, N.Y.; five grandchildren, Brad Woodcox and his wife, Amy, Ann Lantz, William Showalter and his wife, Pam, David Showalter and Alexander Showalter; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter-in-law, Kathryn Miller Woodcox; three brothers; and four sisters.

A memorial service will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. The Rev. Ted Jansen and the Rev. Thomas Novy will officiate.

Calling will be Friday from noon-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Auburn First United Methodist Church or Provena Sacred Heart Home at Avilla.

Arthur Bailey

AUBURN — Arthur Morr Bailey, 87, died Thursday, Aug. 31, 2006, at Wesley HealthCare in Auburn.

Mr. Bailey worked as a machinist at General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne for 39 years, retiring in 1981, and was a farmer.



Mr. Bailey

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II from 1942-1945. He was a member of Meese Chapel United Methodist Church, American Legion Post 97 in Auburn, the Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars, Loyal Order of the Moose 566 and Friendship Grange. He made the land available for the original Jackson Township Little League baseball diamond.

He was born Nov. 21, 1918, in Auburn to William Arthur Fredrick Bailey and Beulah Mae (Morr) Bailey. They preceded him in death.

He married DeRoyal Inez Penland on Feb. 20, 1941, in Auburn. She died in October 1978.

Surviving are two sons, Thomas Arthur Bailey of Beloit, Wis., and William Eugene Bailey of Auburn; two daughters, Linda Lou Kennedy and Pamela Sue Daub, both of Auburn; 14 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and one great-great granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Lamar "Bud" Bailey and Charles Eugene Bailey.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. The Rev. Saneta Maiko and the Rev. Eugene Woolever will officiate.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn, with a military graveside service by American Legion Post 97 of Auburn.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Meese Chapel United Methodist Church of rural Auburn.

Cecil Wells

CORUNNA — Cecil Wells, 88, of Corunna, died Thursday, Aug. 31, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Wells was self-employed and owned and operated Cecil Wells Excavating. He attended the Corunna Community Church in Corunna.

He was born April 30, 1918, in LaOtto to Edward and Etta (Brand) Wells. They preceded him in death.

He married Sarah Betty Littlefield in 1936 in Garrett. She died in 2000.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Cecil LaMarr and Helen Wells of South Vienna, Ohio, and Robert LeRoy and Emma Wells of Corunna; six grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Winifred Joanne Wells, in 1942, two sisters and six brothers.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Richard Pickard officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Saturday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Corunna Community Church.

Marjorie Weimer

HUDSON — Marjorie L. Weimer, 81, of Hudson died Friday, Sept. 1, 2006, at 3:25 a.m. at Lakeland Nursing Home, Angola.

Mrs. Weimer worked at General Electric and Angola Nursing Home. She was a member of Salem Center Presbyterian Church, a 50-year member and former Worthy Matron of the Hudson Order of the Eastern Star and a 50-year member of the Salem Lamplighters Club.

She was born Nov. 21, 1924, in Decatur to Delma and Lydia (Gresley) Ruckman. On March 17, 1946, in rural Hudson, she married Edwin S. Weimer. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Pat and Roger German of Angola; and two grandchildren and a spouse, Karen German of Angola and Brice and Jan German of Garrett.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Martha Ventruella and Mable Tickle.

Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. today at Flint Cemetery with the Rev. Norman Fuller officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Kidney or Arthritis foundations.

Arrangements are by Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Condolences can be sent to Johnson@bnin.net.

Military, church service highlighted life

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND

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ANGOLA — Violet Greenawalt was only in the U.S. Army for about a year during World War II, when she worked as a secretary.

She never talked a lot about it, but after she died on Aug. 22 her family discovered what an important part of her life that military service must have been.

"We found lots and lots of pictures from when she was in the Army," said Violet's granddaughter, Megan Collins. "She was a WAC (member of the Women's Army Corps), and she was stationed in (Washington) D.C. She worked under some of the top Army officers. She never said much about it, but we just now found out what a big part of her that was."

Violet was always trying to teach her grandchildren life skills ... and Megan admitted they weren't always receptive.

"She knitted and she sewed, and she was so patient

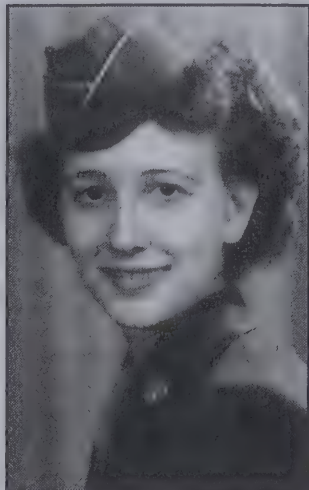


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Violet Greenawalt is pictured when she was in the U.S. Army during World War II.

trying to teach us, even though it never really panned out," she said. "I kind of regret now that I never learned, because by the time I really wanted to her eyes were too bad."

Violet's daughter Jill Collins of Angola said she would like people to remember her mother as "a hard worker who loved her family."

"She had a hard life, but a good life," Jill said. "She grew up in Nevada Mills, and she had to be a worker. She tried to pass that on to us."

Violet married Elton Greenawalt on Dec. 31, 1950. The couple were the parents of three sons and two daughters.

Megan remembered going to her grandparents' house with her siblings and cousins for summer sleep-overs in her younger years.

"They had 18 acres. That's one of the places us kids would spend our time," she said.

Holiday traditions were also important to Violet.

"We'd have Christmases here at her house until she couldn't handle it anymore," Megan said. "Year after year, she'd put up the same things she always had."

Violet attended Nevada Mills United Methodist Church when she was growing up. After she and Elton got married, they and their family attended church in Ray.

"She loved music," Jill said. "She taught us all to sing and play instruments, and we'd sing specials in church as a family."

Violet was also a Sunday school teacher and nursery helper at the Ray church. Once the Greenawalt children were grown, Violet and Elton went back to Nevada Mills to worship.

Violet was "Grammy" to 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Megan, 27, had recently moved into her grandparents' Angola home to help care for them.

Violet's daughter Robin Seiler of Bronson, Mich. remembers her mother as "happy."

"She liked to be outside," Robin said. "She liked to work in her garden and camp."

Howard Jay Freed

KENDALLVILLE — Howard Jay Freed, 92, of Kendallville died on Friday, Sept. 1, 2006, in the Emergency Room at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

He was employed with Flint and Walling in Kendallville and enjoyed wood working, gardening and

fishing.

He was born on March 26, 1914, in Corunna to Samuel and Elizabeth (Smith) Freed.

He married Ruth H. Wilson on June 11, 1936, in Albion. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Elizabeth and Robert Kollman and Sharon and Bill Terry, all of Kendallville; one son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth and Sally Freed of Rome City; six grandchildren; eleven great grandchildren; a brother and two sisters-in-law, Elmer and Doris Freed and Virginia Freed, all of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Donald, Clarence and Robert Freed; and five sisters, Avah Krum, Mary Hartman, Esther Leins, Dahla Schmuck and Pearl Manon.

Graveside services and burial will be at 10 a.m. on Monday at Fairfield Center Cemetery, north of Corunna, with the Rev. Sam Weimer officiating.

There is no visitation.

Casket bearers will be Chris Terry, Billy Terry, Kyle Terry, Joseph Freed, Todd Kollman and Jim Swartzlander.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Arrangements by Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville.

Charlotte Parvu

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GARRETT — Charlotte V. Parvu, 84, of Garrett died Monday, Sept. 4, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Mrs. Parvu worked for Creek Chub Bait Co. in Garrett and as a seamstress. She also was a nurse's aide at Sacred Heart Hospital in Garrett and a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett.



She was born May 9, 1922, in Butler to Walter and Helen (Hook) Bock.

Mrs. Parvu

On May 10, 1940, in Garrett, she married Theodore N. Parvu. He died in 1983.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Theodore J. and Sallianne Parvu of Albion and Michael E. and Mary Parvu of Kendallville; two brothers, Max Bock of Garrett and Keith Bock of Florida; four grandsons, Michael Parvu of Garrett, Theodore J. Parvu Jr. of Arizona, Todd Middleton of Albion and Jeff Middleton of Anderson; three granddaughters and a spouse, Pamela Smith and Heather and James Hornbeak, all of Garrett, and Lynette Parvu of Albion; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Theodore P. Parvu; and four brothers, Raymond, Charles, Robert and LeRoy Bock.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with Tom Novy officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Thursday from 9-10 a.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Martin's House or St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

Ruth Dirrim

HAMILTON — Ruth Martha Thompson Dirrim, 91, died Monday, Sept. 4, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Dirrim worked at Rieke Corp. in Auburn for 29 years, retiring in 1979. She was



Mrs. Dirrim

a member of Hamilton United Methodist Church.

She was born Sept. 23, 1914, in Worth County, Ga., to Chelsey and Eula (Sumner) Thompson. They preceded her in death.

She married Marion Dirrim II on Feb. 16, 1946, in Valdosta, Ga. He died Oct. 21, 1986.

Surviving are two brothers, Thomas Thompson of Macon, Ga., and Grady Thompson of Tifton, Ga.; three sisters, Jessie Duncan of North Augusta, S.C., Janet Willis of Moultrie, Ga., and Clayra Wisham of Columbus, Ga.; and two sisters-in-law, Ivadell Dirrim of Waterloo and Helen Booth of Durand, Mich.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Ralph Thompson, and a sister, Margaret Watson.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Hamilton United Methodist Church with the Rev. Eric Stoops officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Thursday from 1-2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Hamilton United Methodist Church.

Charlotte Parvu

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Mrs. Parvu worked for Creek Chub Bait Co. in Garrett and as a seamstress.

**Mrs. Parvu**

She also was a nurse's aide at Sacred Heart Hospital in Garrett and a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett.

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Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Theodore J. and Sallianne Parvu of Albion and Michael E. and Mary Parvu of Kendallville; two brothers, Max Bock of Garrett and Keith Bock of Florida; four grandsons, Michael Parvu of Garrett, Theodore J. Parvu Jr. of Arizona, Todd Middleton of Albion and Jeff Middleton of Anderson; three granddaughters and a spouse, Pamela Smith and Heather and James Hornbeak, all of Garrett, and Lynette Parvu of Albion; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Thomas P. Parvu; and four brothers, Raymond, Charles, Robert and LeRoy Bock.

Services were today at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Tom Novy officiating. Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Memorials are to St. Martin's House or St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

James Ferguson

AUBURN — James Ezra "Jim" Ferguson, 77, died Thursday, Sept. 7, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Ferguson worked at Rieke Corp. for 30 years, retiring in 1992, and was a farmer. He volunteered his services

hauling food for the DeKalb County Food Bank and DeKalb County Council on Aging. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War.

He was a member of Hudson United Brethren in Christ Church of Hudson. He was a charter member and past president of the Cedar Creek Antique Tractor and Engine Club, belonged to the Auburn Kiwanis Club and DeKalb County Horseman's Association and was a DeKalb County 4-H leader for many years.

Mr. Ferguson received the Hoosier of the Year Award in 1998, the Jefferson Award in 1999 and the 15 Who Care Award.

He was born June 16, 1929, in Auburn to Arthur and Velma (Sliger) Ferguson. They preceded him in death.

He married LaVina E. Snider on Aug. 12, 1950, in Auburn. She died April 5, 1989.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dennis J. and Linda Ferguson of Auburn; two daughters, Lisa D. Ferguson and Holly G. Ferguson, both of Garrett; two grandchildren, Beth Ferguson and Brian Ferguson, both of Auburn; and two brothers, Byron Ferguson of Quartzsite, Ariz., and David K. Ferguson of Garrett.



Mr. Ferguson

Margaret Ober

BUTLER — Margaret P. Ober, 89, died Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2006, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Born in Garrett, she was a homemaker and a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Gary Ober of Corunna and John and Barbara Ober of Auburn, and two grandchildren, Nicole Ober and Benjamin Ober, both of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Herman and Amelia Haas Gael; her husband, Sherman Ober, in 1996; and two brothers, Richard and Eugene Gael.

A graveside service took place today at 10:30 a.m. in Corunna Cemetery.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, handled arrangements.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church and School.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. The Rev. Craig Burkholder will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn, where the Garrett post of the American Legion will conduct a military graveside service.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Fair Association.

Florence Holden

HUDSON — Florence Holden, 100, of Hudson died Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Holden was born in Jackson Township, Steuben County on Jan. 29, 1906, to Oakley and Blanche (Ewing) Amerman. She married Maynard Holden on Dec. 6, 1924, and he preceded her in death on Aug. 16, 2001.

She graduated from Salem Center High School and was a member of Salem Center Presbyterian Church, Ladies Aid and Study Club. She belonged to Farm Bureau of Steuben County, Alpha Farmer's Club and the Steuben County Extension Homemakers.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Darlene Holden of Hamilton, Carol and Ruth Holden of Corunna and Keith and Lila Holden of Hudson; a daughter and son-in-law, Jean and Robert Heller of LaGrange; 14 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and 16 great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Geneva Alleshouse in 2006.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Salem Center Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. H. Jordan Truman officiating. Calling will be today from 4 to 8 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson and one hour before services at the church on Saturday.

Burial will be in Block Cemetery.

Memorials are to the church.

Condolences can be e-mailed to Johnson@bnin.net.

Ida Mae Crone

BUTLER — Ida Mae Crone, 87, of Butler died Thursday, Sept. 7, 2006, at the Laurels of DeKalb, Butler.

Mrs. Crone was born March 25, 1919, in Muncie to George and Mina Bice.

She married Joseph Crone on June 12, 1937, and he preceded her in death on Nov. 7, 1997.

She was co-owner of Crone's Tri-State Market from 1966-1978.

She is survived by three sons, Joseph of Hartford City, Darrell of Fort Wayne, and Richard of Angola; a daughter, Marsha Stewart of Fremont; a foster-daughter, Kay Valangeon of Winchester; 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers and a sister.

Graveside services at Marion National Cemetery will be held at a later date.

Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

Cancer claims fun-loving family man

BY BILL GISEL

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BIG TURKEY LAKE — Harvey Gustin was “all-around ornery,” said his wife of 40 years, Betty Ann.

“He was a kid in a grownup’s body,” who was always playing with his kids and grandkids, said his niece, Linda Grobis.

Mr. Gustin, 64, died June 1 at St. Vincent’s Hospital, Carmel, where he had been a patient in intensive care for 103 days following surgery for esophageal cancer.

According to his wife, Mr. Gustin liked to have fun and was looking forward to golf, fishing and time with his “kids” following his retirement from Nishikawa Standard at Topeka.

Instead, she said, her husband became ill. Chemotherapy was followed by what was to have been a five-hour surgery at a Fort Wayne hospital.

Grobis said the surgery instead went for 10 hours, and after 30 days her uncle had to leave the hospital because his insurance had been “maxed out.”

Mr. Gustin was then taken to St. Vincent’s where he later died after being removed from life support.

Seeing their grandfather ill was painful for his grandchildren, Grobis said.

“They worshiped the ground he walked on,” she said.

After a stint in the military, Mr. Gustin married Betty Ann Griffin in 1965. He was



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The late Harvey Gustin is surrounded by four of his grandchildren, from left, Jacob, Michael, Janel and Madison Gustin. Mr. Gustin was known as a “kid in a grownup’s body” by his family and friends.

a graduate in 1961 of Kendallville High School, where he played varsity football.

After moving to Big Turkey Lake, “there was always kids” at the Gustin home, even before there were Gustin children. With children of his own, there were even more kids, playing sports or learning fishing and golf, Grobis said.

Mr. Gustin coached little league in Stroh for more than 10 years, and was avid about the Chicago Cubs and Chicago Bears.

Golf and fishing were his passions, his wife said. He would often spend an entire day on the golf course with his kids and their friends.

“He was concerned that kids have the proper guidance,” Mrs. Gustin said. Most recently, he was teaching his grandchildren to fish.

“He worked hard all his life, and never missed work,” Mrs. Gustin said. And, he hadn’t smoked in 30 years, she said, so his illness came as a surprise.

“He was looking forward to time with family,” she said. Mr. Gustin is survived by four children, nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mrs. Gustin said her husband was known to all as someone who liked people.

“All people,” she said, “and he liked to tease. The kids loved him for it.”

“He was everyone’s friend,” agreed Grobis, “and he never carried a grudge. He was always willing to help anyone in need.”

(A benefit hog roast was held Saturday at the Stroh fire station to help Mrs. Gustin with her husband’s medical expenses. There also was a bake sale and raffle of donated merchandise. The contact person for the event was Linda Grobis, 351-3609.)

John McKinley Taylor

ANTWERP, Ohio — John McKinley Taylor, 63, of Antwerp, Ohio, and Greenville, Tenn., died Friday, Sept. 8, 2006, at his son's home in Antwerp.

He was born in Pruden, Tenn., on May 11, 1943, to William R. and Alice (Rose) Taylor of Rockford, Ohio. His father is deceased. His mother survives.

He retired as a supervisor at Uniroyal Goodrich in Woodburn. He was a member of the Greenville, Tenn., Masonic Lodge and enjoyed his family and boating on Cherokee Lake, near Greenville.

Besides his mother, other survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Patty and Matt Hoeffle of Auburn and Missy and Adam Richey of Antwerp, Ohio; a son and daughter-in-law, John and Julie Taylor of Antwerp; a sister, Nancy Wilson of Florence, Ky.; three brothers, Jerry of Dayton, Ky., and Frank and Eldon, both of Van Wert, Ohio; a longtime companion, Cathy Devault of Kingsport, Tenn.; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Francis and three brothers, Joe, Rusty and Jimmy.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River St., in Antwerp, Ohio.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home with Masonic services at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the Paulding area VNA.

Condolences may be sent to
www.dooleyfuneralhome.com.

Keith Strock

GARRETT — Keith A. Strock, 84, of Garrett, died Saturday, Sept. 9, 2006, in Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Garrett.

Mr. Strock was U.S. Army infantry veteran of World War II



Mr. Strock

and the recipient of a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star.

He owned the Mobil service station at the Mile Corner in Garrett for 23 years and worked as a mechanic for Yoder Ford for nine years until his retirement in 1987.

He was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett, the American Legion and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. He served as a tour guide at the World War II Victory Museum.

He was born March 2, 1922, in Auburn to Kenneth C. and Jennie G. (Kemmerly) Strock.

On Feb. 21, 1948, in Garrett, he married Virginia K. Diederich. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Craig A. and Barbara Strock of Garrett; a granddaughter, Stephanie Grimes of Huntertown; a grandson, Andrew Strock of Garrett; a great-granddaughter, Amelia Grimes of Huntertown; a brother, Dale Strock of Garrett; and a sister, Marjorie Lung of Greenfield.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Garrett, with Pastor Jeffrey Horn officiating.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery for Garrett, with military graveside services by the Garrett post of the American Legion.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to the church or the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

Jimmie Canaday

EDGERTON, Ohio — Jimmie W. Canaday, 69, of Edgerton, Ohio, died at 7:28 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 7, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, where he was a patient for two weeks.



Mr. Canaday

Mr. Canaday was a crib attendant at Bohn Aluminum in Butler, retiring with 42 years of service. He attended the Butler Christian Assembly of God.

He was born Sept. 25, 1936, in Wayne, W. Va., the son of Kyle and Opal (Johnson) Canaday.

He married Edna M. Davis on March 4, 1957, in Cattlettsburg, W. Va., and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law: Kyle and Linda Canaday of Ligonier, Roger Canaday of Edgerton, Ohio, and Kevin and Connie Canaday of Bryan, Ohio; a son and daughter-in-law, Jackie and Patrick Ailiff, of Edgerton, Ohio; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Linda Cheek of Edgerton, Ohio, and June and Kenneth Fuller of Ceredo, W. Va.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one son, James Patrick Canaday, and one sister, Norma Stafford.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Krill Funeral Home, 114 E. Hull St., Edgerton, Ohio, with Pastor Matt Snoderly officiating. Interment will be in Maple Grove Cemetery at Edgerton.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent and the online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Ida Crone

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Surviving are three sons, Joseph Crone of Hartford City, Darrell Crone of Fort Wayne and Richard Crone of Angola; a daughter, Marsha Stewart of Fremont; a foster daughter, Kay Valangeon of Winchester; 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, a brother and two sisters.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at the Marion National Cemetery Chapel, Marion. There will be no calling. Burial will be in Marion National Cemetery.

Local arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY was inadvertently omitted from Thursday's newspaper. We apologize for the omission.

Sonny E. Spake

AUBURN — Sonny E. Spake, 69, of Auburn and formerly of Butler, died Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

He was born July 9, 1937, in Dowagiac, Mich., to Elsworth and Irene (King) Spake, who are both deceased.

He was the co-owner of Spake and Watson TV and Appliance store in Butler and retired as a service technician. He served as the city judge for Butler for several years and was a member of the Grace Point Church of the Nazarene in Fort Wayne. He earned his pilot's license and his hobbies included building and flying model airplanes. He was a member of the DeKalb Flying Club.

He married Sharon Seltenright July 13, 1956, in Butler and they celebrated their 50th anniversary on July 4. She survives in Auburn.

Other survivors include two sons and a daughter-in-law, Neil and Valarie Spake of Austin, Texas and Marty Spake of Dallas, Texas; two grandchildren, Evan and Erika Spake of Austin, Texas; a brother-in-law and his wife, Jim and Alice Seltenright of Butler; two sisters-in-law and their husbands, Jeanne and Edward Buell of Butler and Phyllis and Jerry Crothers of Leo; and two nieces.

He also preceded in death by a sister and brother-in-law, Esther and J. Wendell Bell and one nephew, Aaron Bell.



Mr. Spake

Rose Teixeira

AUBURN — Graveside services for Rose M. Teixeira, 65, of Auburn, were conducted at 11 a.m. today in the Cedar Chapel Cemetery, near Garrett.

Mrs. Teixeira died Sunday, July 16, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

She worked as a cashier at the Sunshine Market for 11 years. She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn.

She was born May 7, 1941, in Auburn.

Surviving are a son, Andy Teixeira of Auburn; and a brother, Bob Bastan of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lionel E. Teixeira.

Memorials are to the family.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, handled arrangements.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Rex Person officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery in Butler.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Grace Point Church bus fund.

Donald J. Reed

YODER — Donald J. Reed, 79, of rural Yoder died Saturday, Sept. 9, 2006, at Ossian Health Care and Rehab.

Born Aug. 13, 1927, in Yoder, he was a lifelong farmer and worked in maintenance at L.S. Ayres, Fort Wayne for 12 years. He served in the Army during the Korean War era.

He married Betty J. Mills on June 18, 1955, in Fort Wayne. She survives in Yoder.

Other survivors include four sons and three daughters-in-law, John and Kaylynn Reed of Yoder, James and Judy Reed of Ossian, Robert Reed of Yoder

and Kevin and Karen Reed of Bluffton; a daughter and son-in-law, Diane and Karl Blust of Auburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Gene and Deb Reed of Monroeville; four sisters and two brothers-in-law, Mary Silvers of Fort Wayne, Opal and Edgar Freiburger of Ossian, and Evelyn Watts and Bonnie and Lloyd Hendricks, both of Decatur; and eight grandchildren, Katrina and Corbin Reed of Fort Wayne, Zachary and Joseph Blust of Auburn, and Klayton, Kourtney, and Konner Reed of Bluffton.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James M. and Esther Louise (Winters) Reed; and a sister, Carol Ruth Tustison of San Antonio, Texas.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home in Ossian, with the Rev. Joe Baker officiating. Burial was in Oak Lawn Cemetery, Ossian.

Memorials are to the Wells County Chapter of the American Cancer Society.

Thelma Weimer

KENDALLVILLE —
Thelma Marie "Dolly"
Weimer, 74, of Kendallville
died
Thursday,
Sept. 14,
2006, at
Parkview
Noble
Hospital,
Kendallville.



Mrs. Weimer

She was
employed and
retired from
Flint &
Walling and Quick Tanks in
Kendallville after more than 20

years of service. She was
retired from Walt Disney
World in Orlando, Fla., after
20 years.

In Kendallville, she was a
member of the Moose Lodge,
V.F.W. Auxiliary, Eagles
Lodge, and was a member of
the Independent Full Gospel
Church in Ashley.

Mrs. Weimer loved playing
cards, mushroom hunting, flea
markets and garage sales and
enjoyed spending time with her
family and friends.

In Logansport on July 12,
1932, she was born to Rueben
Earl and Ida Beatrice (Sloop)
Boehme. She married Samuel
Ivan Weimer on Oct. 28, 1967,
in Kendallville. He preceded
her in death in December 2005.

Surviving are three sons and
daughters-in-law, Earl and Pam
Brown of Nashville, Tenn.,
Kenneth and Faith Brown of
Auburn and Ben and Judell
Brown of South Milford; three
daughters and a son-in-law,
Gloria Brown and Carla Hogle,
both of Mishawaka, and Stacia
and Edward Stump of
Kimmell; two stepsons and
their spouses, Sam and Sandy
Weimer of Corunna, and
Thomas and SunYe Weimer of
Rinneyville, Ky.; two
stepdaughters and their
spouses, Susie and Cody
Schneider and Jeannette and
Fred Smart, all of Kendallville;
a sister, Josephine Freeman of
Elkhart; a brother and sister-in-
law, Charles and Mary Ellen
Boehme of Elkhart; 41
grandchildren; 51 great-
grandchildren; and six great-
great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband,
her parents, a son, Richard
Boehme, in February 1971,
along with two brothers, Fred
and Carl Boehme, and a sister,
Mary Linback, preceded her in
death.

Services will be at 11 a.m.
Monday at Independent Full
Gospel Church, Ashley, with
the Rev. Sam Weimer offici-
ating. Burial will be at a later
date at Mount Pleasant
Cemetery, rural Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2 to 7
p.m. Sunday at Hite Funeral
Home, Kendallville.

Condolences may be e-
mailed to the family at
www.hitefuneralhome.com.

LeGrases' warmth will always be cherished

BY LYNN HOUSER

Thirty years ago this fall, I was fresh out of the U.S. Navy and beginning my career in journalism as a rookie sports-writer for The News-Sun. On short notice, the best I could do for living arrangements was a trailer by the railroad tracks in Albion.

It wasn't long before I discovered that trailer life wasn't for me. The daily train whistles at 5:15 a.m. quickly convinced me of that.

So I started checking the classified ads of The News-Sun for apartments in the area and came across one that claimed to have a "homey cottage" on the Angling Road north of Kendallville.

Sounding almost too good to be true, I had to check it out. To my utter surprise, the "cottage" turned out to be a converted chicken coop.

I kid you not.

It was a flat, one-story dwelling barely six feet from roof to floor. But being a height-challenged person of 5-foot-6, I did not consider that a deal-breaker.

On the inside you would never suspect a chicken ever had called it home. It was immaculately clean with natural, wood floors and paneled walls. It was furnished with simple but functional furniture.

The owners of the place were Charles and Dora LeGras, a couple in their 50s whose children already were out of the nest. We seemed to

hit it off from the start, even before I asked them how much they wanted for it. The words "\$125 a month" had barely left their lips before I said, "I'll take it."



Mrs. LeGras

It was the start of a beautiful friendship. Living in a two-story farm house just a few paces away, the

LeGrases

always had the welcome mat out for me. I wore that path out, too, especially when the aroma of Dora's home-made pies made its way to my kitchen window.

I could not have asked for better landlords. Not once did they ever complain about the times I cranked up my stereo or the times when my noisy friends stayed too late. They didn't even complain when I, against their wishes, allowed a big ol' gray farm cat named Herman to come in from the cold. They had every right to complain about that after Herman marked his territory with a foul-smelling spray in the corner.

The LeGrases even felt as if they were imposing on me by asking for the rent when I was a little tardy. There would be a timid knock on the door and a reminder that went something like this: "Uh, Lynn, the rent was due last Monday ... but if you need another couple of

days it's OK."

During the recession of 1978, they were genuinely reluctant to raise the rent a mere \$10. Speaking of '78, that was the year of the Great Blizzard. Without them, I might have been marooned by myself for days. As it turned out, we had a pretty good time riding the storm out.

It was during some of those cold, desolate winter nights that we became family. A hot meal is one thing; a warm house is much more.

By "warm" I mean "warmth" — as in the loving, caring warmth that family members have for each other. As the years passed I claimed the LeGrases as my surrogate parents and I think they looked at me as an adopted son.

Charles and Dora welcomed any friend of mine with open arms. They were the kind of people who did not have it in them to harbor malice, not even for the drunk driver who left them with health issues for years.

Even after moving to Bloomington in 1984, I continued to drop in on them during return visits. It was around Christmas last year when I stopped in to see them along with my wife, Pat, who they also "adopted" from the time I first introduced them in 1981.

We had heard that Dora's health wasn't so good, but we wouldn't have known it by the way her eyes lit up when she saw us. It was a truly

wonderful visit — lots of laughs about blizzards and cats and good times around the kitchen table.

Before leaving, Charles took us aside and privately thanked us for stopping by. I told him it was the other way around, that it was us who should be thanking them for being there all those years.

Wednesday afternoon, we received one of those dreaded phone calls. Dora had succumbed to her long battle with cancer. The family wanted us to be one of the first ones to know.

If circumstance would have allowed, we would have hopped into the car right then and motored all the way to Kendallville. We would have made that turn onto the Angling Road and driven the three-mile distance to that familiar house with the chicken coop in back. We would have loved to have shared some stories about Dora over apple pie, coffee and tears. Despite her absence, it would have been a joyful gathering. Dora wouldn't have had it any other way.

She might be gone, but the warmth she and her family brought to our lives will be there as long as that house is standing.

God bless the LeGras family.

LYNN HOUSER is a former sports editor of The News-Sun, and is now a sports-writer for the Bloomington Herald-Times.

Esther Miller

WATERLOO — Esther Louise Miller, 94, of Waterloo died Saturday, Sept. 16, 2006, at home.

Mrs. Miller was born Feb. 23, 1912, in DeKalb County to John N. and Margaret (Hoff) Shoudel. She was married to Carl B. Miller on July 31, 1935, in St. Michael's Catholic Church. He preceded her in death on July 28, 1996.

She was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church and the church's Rosary Society and Harvest House. She was also a member of DeKalb County Farm Bureau.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Jane and Harold Stafford and Lucille Miller, all of Waterloo; seven grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers, Albert, Michael and Carl Shoudel, and a sister, Clara McGuin.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Michael's Catholic Church, with the Rev. Dave Carkenord officiating. Calling will be Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with a Rosary service at 7:45 p.m.

Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery. Memorials are to masses at the church or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

James Watson

BRYAN, Ohio — James E. Watson, 68, of Bryan, Ohio, died Saturday, Sept. 16, 2006.

The son of Dwight and Violet (Mulvany) Watson, he grew up in Bloomington, Ind. He joined the U.S. Navy upon his graduation from Bloomington High School and served his country in the U.S. Navy and U.S. Army for six years.

Self-educated in the field of engineering, he was co-owner of Spake & Watson TV Repair in Butler.

The bulk of his career was spent at Ohio Art toy company in Bryan, Ohio, where he rose to the position of director of international business administration before he retired in 2003. He was instrumental in the development of Ohio Art's Etch A Sketch Animator and The Ghost Writer. He traveled extensively throughout the United States and the Pacific Rim in developing Ohio Art's productions.

He was a faithful member, lector and eucharistic minister at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Bryan, Ohio. He served a two-year term as president and board member of Habitat for Humanity in Williams County.

He loved to build, whether toys or houses, and was in his element in creating. He put an entire addition on his house, by himself, in his 60s. He was an accomplished artist and played the guitar. In his earlier years, he enjoyed bowling and tennis. In his later years, he loved to play cards or do crosswords with his wife.



Mr. Watson

Surviving are his wife of 43 years, Claire W. (Peters) Watson; two daughters and sons-in-law, Heather and Robert Becker of Noblesville and Amber and Maximilian Dimoff, of Cleveland, Ohio; six grandchildren, Rachel, Benjamin, Allison, and Aaron Becker and Isabel and Xavier Dimoff; and two sisters, Becky Haynes of Huber Heights, Ohio, and Teri Guevara of Colorado.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Bill Martin.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in St. Patrick Catholic Church, 704 S. Portland St., Bryan, Ohio, with Father Dale Ehrman officiating. Private burial will be in Fountain Grove Cemetery at a later date.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at Krill Funeral Home, 860 W. Mulberry St., Bryan, Ohio, with a rosary service at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to Williams County Habitat for Humanity, St. Patrick Catholic Church or Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers-Hospice Care..

A guest register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

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She was also preceded in death by three brothers, Albert, Michael and Carl Shoudel; a sister, Clara McGuin; and a great-grandson, Curtis Stafford.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church, 1098 C.R. 39, Waterloo, with the Rev. Dave Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with a rosary service at 7:45 p.m.

Memorials are to Masses at the church or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Alice Schmidt

FORT WAYNE — Alice J. Schmidt, 79, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Sept. 16, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and a volunteer with ARC for 26 years.

Surviving are her husband, Gerhard C. "Gerry" Schmidt of Fort Wayne; two sons, Gerry L. Schmidt of Fort Wayne and David Williams of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Susan Schmidt of Midland, Texas, and Anitalynn Tighe of Cupertino, Calif.; a brother, John Hursh of Auburn; a sister, Sally Paschal of Phoenix, Ariz.; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

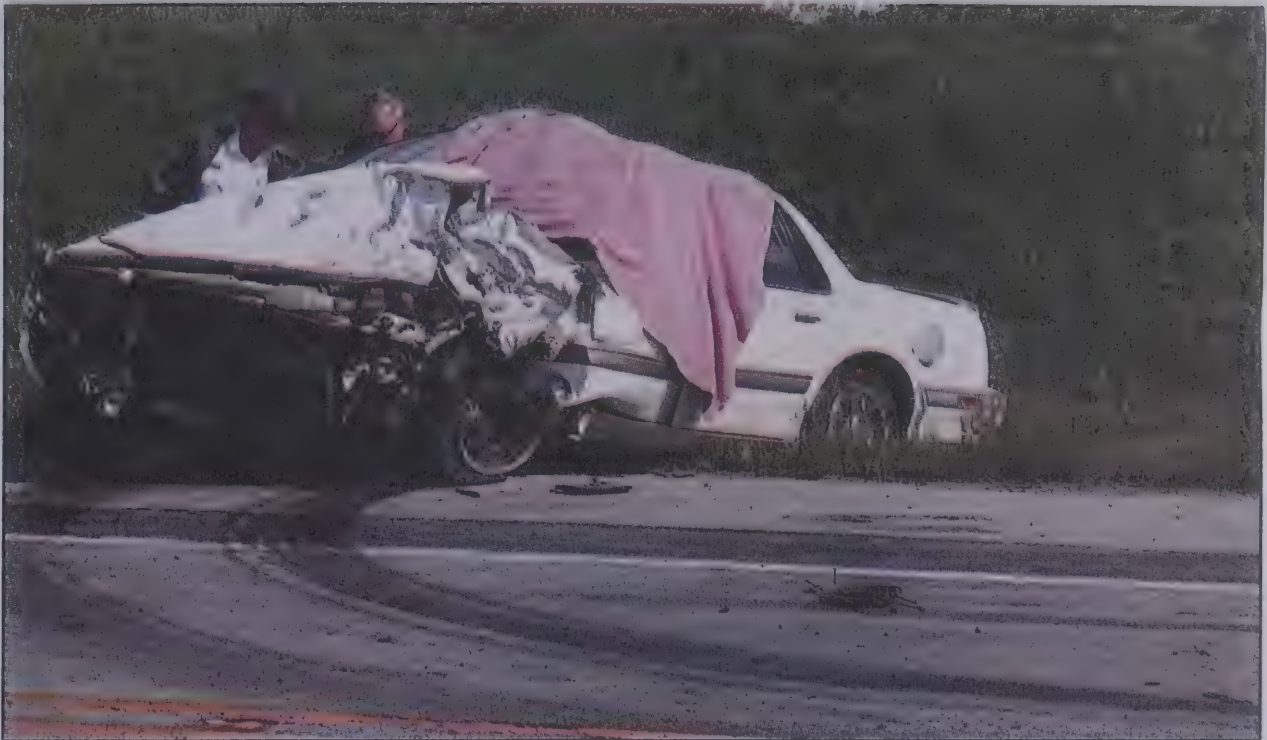
Preceding her in death were a son, Steven Schmidt; and a brother, Donald Hursh.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Concordia Lutheran Church, 4245 Lake Ave., with burial at Concordia Gardens Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road.

Memorials are to Concordia Lutheran Church.

Tragedy on U.S. 6



MATT GETTS

An Ashley woman driving this car died of a heart attack before it went left of center and struck another car

Tuesday morning on U.S. 6 in Kendallville.

Driver dies before crash

Heart attack causes Ashley woman's death

BY DENNIS HARTKER

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KENDALLVILLE — An 88-year-old Ashley woman, who a witness said was driving erratically, died of a heart attack Tuesday morning before her vehicle crossed the center line and struck another car nearly head-on on U.S. 6.

An autopsy showed that Isabelle J. Greenwalt had a fatal heart attack before

the crash, according to Noble County Coroner Dr. Terry Gaff. Evidence from the autopsy revealed there was no bleeding from her crash injuries, Gaff said.

"Her heart wasn't pumping when the injuries happened," Gaff said. "She had a heart attack and died before the crash."

Gaff said her death was from natural causes, and that her death caused the traffic accident.

At about 10:51 a.m., Greenwalt's westbound 1995 Oldsmobile Cutlass Ciera struck the rear of a westbound Cintas delivery van, driven by James P.

Atkins, 42, of Fort Wayne, about one-half mile east of the Fairview Boulevard intersection, police said.

The Oldsmobile then crossed the center line and collided with an eastbound 2004 Pontiac Grand Prix, driven by Kari E. Allen, 25, of Edon, Ohio, police said. A 4-year-old child from Rome City was riding in the Pontiac.

Gary Collins of Kendallville was driving a 2005 Chevrolet pickup truck behind the Pontiac Grand Prix and saw the collision.

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"She was all over the road," he said of Greenwalt. "She hit the rear of the truck and then crossed the center line and struck the Pontiac. If I hadn't swerved, she would have hit me."

Collins swerved and his truck ended up off the roadway. He was not injured.

Allen and Atkins were wearing seat belts, and the child was in a child restraint seat. They were not seriously injured, according to police. Allen's Pontiac was a total loss,

and the van sustained minor damage.

At about 10:47 a.m., DeKalb County Police notified Kendallville Police that a white passenger car matching the description of Greenwalt's vehicle was entering Kendallville westbound on U.S. 6 and had been involved in a hit-and-run accident in DeKalb County.

Noble County Deputy Sheriff Shafter Baker located the suspect vehicle near the Brian's Place intersection.

According to Kendallville

police, Baker turned his car around and turned on his emergency lights to initiate a traffic stop. He followed Greenwalt's Oldsmobile for a short distance before the crash.

Police closed both lanes of U.S. 6 to traffic for about 90 minutes during the investigation.

The Noble County Sheriff's Department, Indiana State Police, Kendallville police and Noble County Coroner's Office are conducting the investigation. Noble County EMS assisted at the scene.

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Eva Cobb

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She was preceded in death by five brothers, Harold, Fred, Allen, Joe and Bon, and two sisters, Ann Brackney and Helen Dull.

A memorial service will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at God's Farm, 6689 C.R. 55, Spencerville, with Pastor Bill Haworth officiating.

Arrangements are being handled by Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, 6992 S.R. 1, Spencerville.

Mabel Tharp

GRANTS PASS, Ore. — Mabel Lucille Tharp, 92, of Grants Pass, Ore., died Friday, Sept. 15, 2006, at Fairview Transitional Health Care in Grants Pass.

Mrs. Tharp moved to Grants Pass from Huntington in 1996. Her hobbies included gardening, reading and sewing.

She was born Nov. 11, 1913, in Lewis, Ind., to James and Mary Brown.

She married Von Tharp in 1933. They moved to Auburn in 1955. He died in 1982.

Surviving are a daughter, Norma Hoover of Grants Pass, Ore.; two sons, Bud Tharp of Roaming Shores, Ohio, and Donald Tharp of Grand

Rapids, Mich.; three sisters, Elizabeth Gunsallus of Muncie, Louise Beard of Middlebury and Mildred Lake of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

Graveside services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Roselawn Cemetery at Auburn.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is handling local arrangements.

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Memorials are to three charities: American Cancer Society-DeKalb County Unit, P.O. Box 722, Auburn, IN 46706; DeKalb Memorial Hospice, 221 N. Main St., Suite 108, Auburn IN 46706; and DeKalb Animal Shelter, 5221 U.S. 6, Butler, IN 46721.

Arrangements are by Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, 6992 S.R. 1, Spencerville.

Derril Hefty

AUBURN — Derril L. Hefty, 83, of Auburn died Thursday, Sept. 21, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

Mr. Hefty retired in 1957 after working 35 years at Warner Gear in Auburn.

He served as a corporal with the U.S. Army Air Force in World War II. He was a member of the Auburn Alliance Church.

He was born Jan. 3, 1923, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Earl and Ethel (Stone) Hefty. They preceded him in death.

On April 6, 1946, he married Elizabeth Jenkins in Garrett. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Gary L. and Chris Hefty of Auburn and James E. Hefty of Ashburn, Va.; a daughter and son-in-law,

Barbara J. and Bruce Barhydt of Auburn; a brother, Robert E. Hefty of Cape Cod, Mass.; three sisters, Doris Bloomberg of Altha, Fla., Marie Rufner of Napoleon, Mich., and Frances Verden of Orlando, Fla.; seven grandchildren and their spouses, Todd Barhydt and his wife, Wendy, Cheryl Peck and her husband, Rob, Tyler Barhydt and his wife, Julie, Pat Hefty and his wife, Sarah, Ben Hefty, Christopher Hefty and Lauran Hefty; and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Clark Veltkamp officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Auburn Alliance Church or the American Diabetes Association.

Boyd Lockard

BUTLER — Boyd Lockard 77, of Butler, died Thursday, Sept. 21, 2006, at his daughter's home in Angola.

Mr. Lockard was a welder at Universal Tool and Stamping in Butler, retiring after 31 years of service. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the Korean War.

He was born Sept. 20, 1928, in Jackson, Ky., to Leonard and Malvery (Moore) Lockard. They preceded him in death.

He married Ethel Caudill on April 18, 1953, in Jackson, Ky., and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Wesley and Pam Lockard of Butler and Louis Lockard of Gulfport, Miss.; a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Mark Duke of Angola; a son-in-law, Gary Parrish of Fort Wayne; and six grandchildren, Randy Lockard and his wife, Brekan, Stacey Parrish, Denise Duke, Mike Duke, Riyan Lockard and Stacey Haverstock; and many brothers and sisters.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Brenda Parrish.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Paul Marki officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Wayne Kimmel

AUBURN — Wayne E. Kimmel, 75, of Auburn, died Friday, Sept. 22, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Kimmel worked at Ball Brass and Aluminum Foundry. He enjoyed farming and was a lifelong farmer. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

He was born Sept. 11, 1931, in Allen County to Clifford O. and Charlottie G. (Reed) Kimmel. They preceded him in death.

He married Hazleann Holmes on May 23, 1953, in Fort Wayne, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael W. and Shelley Kimmel of Pleasant Lake and Larry L. and Debra Kimmel of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Marjorie A. and Russell Emerick of Auburn; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Clifford L. and Maxine Kimmel of Hicksville, Ohio, Carl W. and Joan Kimmel of Butler and David L. and Mary Rose Kimmel of Auburn; a sister and brother-in-law, Glenda J. and Jim Eck of Butler; six grandchildren, Anne Marie Chaney, Julie L. Kimmel, Wayne E. Kimmel II, Christopher R.L. Emerick, Bryan L. Kimmel and Melissa A. Jones; and nine great-grandchildren, Jarrod M. Chaney, David A. Chaney, Jessica A. Chaney, Trenten M. Emerick, Mara R. Emerick, Emily E. Jones, Kaelee Jones, Zachary Jones and Maelee M. Kimmel.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert H. Kimmel and Richard Kimmel, and a sister, Esther Myers.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with Father Babasino Fernandez officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, and Monday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

A rosary service will begin at 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Masses at the church or to Riley Hospital for Children, Indianapolis.

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Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Traditions vital in Spangle family

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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ANGOLA — Max Spangle was a man who wanted to instill a sense of tradition and patriotism in his family.

"Christmas Eve was not just Christmas Eve in our family; it was also Mom and Dad's anniversary," said Max and Gloria Spangle's daughter, Deb Smathers. "Of course, everything is closed in the evening, so we'd always have to get together in the afternoon, and we always went out to eat. We'd go to Azar's or the old Townhouse, one year we even went to a pizza place."

Last year Max and Gloria celebrated their 65th and what would turn out to be their last anniversary. After a battle with prostate cancer that lasted for three decades, Max passed away on Sept. 5. But the traditions will live on in the Spangle family.

"Birthdays we were always together," Deb said.

Max was a veteran of World War II, and patriotism was something he took very seriously and wanted to teach his children and grandchildren about.

"Every July 4, there we'd be, four generations of us in our flag shirts," Deb said. "Dad instilled in us and those little ones that the flag wasn't just a decoration; that you stood up when it went by."

Another Spangle tradition was a family vacation each summer when Deb and Jim were growing up.

"Dad loved to travel," Deb said. "We hit most of the United States."

Max and Gloria's generosity went beyond their own family. Max worked as the maintenance supervisor at the Steuben County Courthouse for several years, and he and his wife would always make

sure the people he worked with were properly taken care of.

"When people had to work holidays, they'd make a big pot of chili and take it in to feed everyone," Deb said.

Deb, the oldest of the two Spangle children, said she and her brother "had a wonderful childhood."

"We were blessed," she said. "Our parents always made sure that our home was open for all our friends. In fact, after Dad passed away, I got a sympathy note saying how much fun it had always been to come to our house."

All marriages and families have their ups and downs, and although Deb and Jim were sure theirs did, too, neither could recall a time when they were aware of any friction in the Spangle household.

"I'm sure there were times when things were bad, but growing up I never knew and I know my brother didn't, either," Deb said.

"I never saw Mom and Dad have a fight. More of my friends have said to me, 'If I could only have a marriage like that.'"

Jim agreed that his parents were inspiring. "I've never seen anybody who loved and respected his wife like my dad did," he said. "And they were together a long time. I think they started dating when my mother was 16. You just don't see what they had a lot anymore. That's sad."

Jim also remembered his father as "an excellent provider."

"We were always taken care of, my sister, my mother and I," he said.

Deb and Jim both said their father reveled in his role as a father and great-grandfather. All his grandchildren, great-grandchildren and even some of their friends called Max "Bumpie."

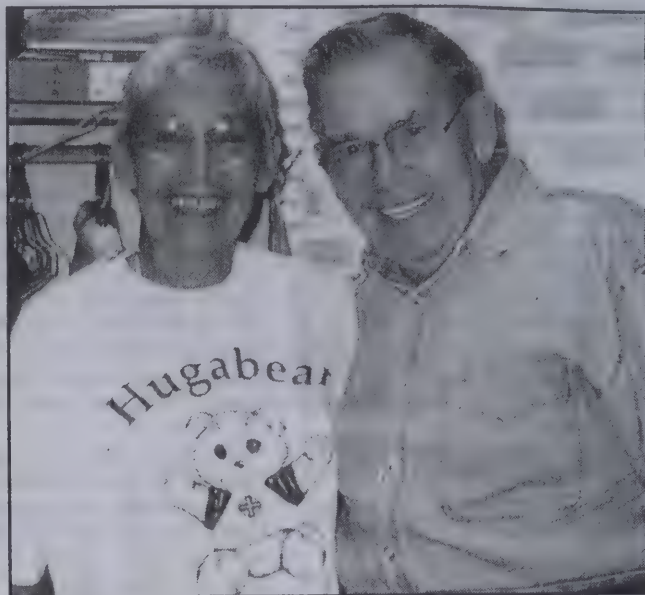


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Gloria and Max Spangle

"He was very involved with the grandchildren and the great-grandchildren," Deb said.

Max's involvement with the grandchildren didn't end when they weren't babies anymore.

"When the kids got ready to go to school, he'd slip them money," Deb said. "He never wanted to go without."

One of Max and Gloria's granddaughters lives just down the road from their house in Reddington Heights, and the couple would regularly stop in to see her and her 2-year-old twins.

"They just wanted to play with the twins and talk to them, even if it was just for a few minutes," Deb said. "Dad really loved them and wanted them to know who he was."

Jim agreed that Max's family was his No. 1 priority.

"He was always very positive. He always had time; always had a smile on his face and was just a great father and grandfather," he said. "There

was nobody more important in his life than his family."

Deb and Jim both remembered their father as "a people watcher."

"There use to be benches in front of the (Steuben County) courthouse in Angola, and on Saturday nights we'd sit and watch people," Deb said.

As he got older, Deb said, her father still wanted to be around people all the time, and relished any car trip — even if it was only to the store.

"And Dad was always early, never late," Deb said. "I mean real early. If he was going to pick you up at 11, you'd better be ready by 10:30."

Max was originally diagnosed with cancer in 1976. It was controlled for many years, but Deb said it flared up badly in the last few years, and her father finally succumbed.

"The doctor said to Dad a month before he died, 'Boy, Max, you've been some kind of statistic,'" she said.

"In so many ways, he was so very lucky."

Joan Nugen

AUBURN — Joan M. Nugen, 79, died Saturday, Sept. 23, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Nugen graduated from Harlan High School. She was a member of First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, in Auburn.

She worked for the DeKalb County Central United School District as a cafeteria worker in DeKalb High School and all of the elementary schools in Auburn.

She was born Nov. 16, 1926, in Woodburn to Monald and Helen (Miller) Weicker. They preceded her in death.

She married Robert Nugen on Feb. 24, 1947, in Bloomington. He died Sept. 24, 1992.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Linda and Doyle Gerig of Holland, Mich., Debbie and Dan Hughes of Fort Wayne and Ann Seiss of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Rob and Michele Nugen of Columbus, Ohio; nine grandchildren and their spouses, Grant and Michelle Gerig, Todd and Tammy Gerig, JoEllen and Dave Strey, Matthew Gerig, Brad Hughes, Lauren Hughes, Kristin Seiss, Jacob Nugen and Emily Nugen; and four great-grandchildren, Addyson Gerig, Easton Gerig, Olivia Strey and Gillian Gerig.

She was preceded in death by a brother and his wife, Jack and Janet Weicker.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, with Dr. Robert Craig officiating.

Her son and grandsons will serve as pallbearers. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Indiana University Medical Center for Breast Cancer Research.

Carol Strawser

KENDALLVILLE — Carol Jean Strawser, 80, died Friday, Sept. 22, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Strawser was born Sept. 10, 1926, in Kendallville to George S. and Wilma H. (Uhl) Faux.

She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1944 and married Forrest Owen Strawser on Oct. 21, 1945, in Kendallville. Mr. Strawser preceded her in death on May 22, 2003.

Her first devotion was to loving her husband and family. She was employed with Strawser Brothers Construction as a bookkeeper and accountant from 1950 to 1993.

Surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Maynard and Marilyn Strawser of Coldwater, Mich., Robert and Jean Strawser of Auburn, Stephen and Teresa Strawser of Fort Wayne and Randall Strawser of Kendallville; 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Linda Lou Strawser, in 1946 and a brother, Maynard Faux, who died in World War II.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville. Pastor Dan White of the Auburn Church of the Nazarenè will officiate. Her four sons will be casket bearers.

Burial will be in South Milford Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Auburn Church of the Nazarenè.

Condolences may be sent at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Vincent Albright

KENDALLVILLE — Vincent D. Albright, 80, of Kendallville died Saturday, Sept. 23, 2006, at Veterans Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Albright was born Sept. 2, 1926, in Portland, Ore., to Vincent D. Albright Sr. and Edith Grace (Brittian) Albright.

He worked for Dana Corp. in Auburn, then worked for the wastewater treatment plants in Kendallville and Waterloo for several years, retiring in 1990.

He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy and a member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville, the Auburn Moose Lodge and the Kendallville post of the American Legion.

He married Audry P. Reeder on June 19, 1944, in Auburn. She survives.

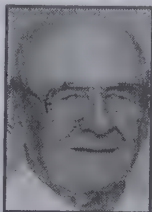
Also surviving are a son, Robert Albright of Kendallville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Shirley and Sal Pellerito of Ocala, Fla., and Sandra Kay and William Grawbadger of Silver Springs, Fla.; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Vivian Albright.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Rev. G. Scott Pattison will officiate. Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery in rural Corunna with graveside military services by the Kendallville post of the American Legion.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.



Mr. Albright

Roger Conn

AUBURN — Roger D. Conn, 70, died Sept. 24, 2006, at St. John's West Shore Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Conn worked at Warner Gear and Auburn Gear for 13 years, then worked for Mossberg Industries for 10 years, retiring in 1999.

He served in the U.S. Army from June 4, 1958, to May 5, 1961.

He was born March 14, 1936, in Muncie to Charles G. and Bernice M. (Lewis) Conn.

Surviving are three sons, Danny L. Conn, Charles A. Conn and Alan Conn, all of Cleveland, Ohio; a brother, Jack O. Conn of Muncie; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one son, Robert A. Conn.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Florin Knox

AUBURN — Florin H. Knox, 88, of Auburn died Sunday, Sept. 24, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Knox was a retired Franklin Township farmer. He served as a director and agent for DeKalb County Farmers Mutual and as president and director for DeKalb County Co-op. He was a member of DeKalb County Farm Bureau and Auburn First United Methodist Church and was a former member of Jerusalem United Methodist Church, Butler.

He was born April 10, 1918, in Noble County to Hollis and Gail (Hamilton) Knox.

He married Donna June Platt on March 19, 1941, at her parents' home north of Butler. She survives in Auburn.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Patrula and Dennis Newhard of Auburn and Julie Bunch of Auburn; three grandchildren, Marni Boyd of Wake Forest, N.C., and her husband, Bil, Tyler Bunch of Naples, Fla., and Travis Bunch of Indianapolis; two stepgrandchildren, Todd Newhard of Fort Pierce, Fla., and Tami Ruble of Fort Wayne and her husband, Trent; two stepgreat-grandchildren, Taylor and Aaron Ruble; a brother and sister-in-law, Glen and Barb Knox of Auburn; a sister and brother-in-law, Onalee and Raymond Moughler of Waterloo; and a sister-in-law, Gailanna Knox of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Billy, and two sisters, Majel Moughler and Coralie Holman.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at H.E. Johnson & Sons

Funeral Home of Butler. The Rev. Ted Jansen will officiate. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery of Hamilton.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Auburn First United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

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Allen Haddix

EDGERTON, Ohio — Allen R. Haddix, 82, of Bluffton and formerly of Angola died Sunday, Sept. 24, 2006, at the Bluffton Regional Medical Center, where he was a patient.

**Mr. Haddix**

Mr. Haddix was a tool-and-die maker and engineer. He had worked for numerous companies including Garrett Flexible, Mold Service in Butler, Thermo-Electronics and the Redmond Company in Angola, and Indiana and Franklin Electric in Bluffton. He retired as owner of the Aldix Corp. in Edon, Ohio, in 1992.

He was born April 4, 1924, in Edgerton, Ohio, to Irwin G. and Theresia (Goebel) Haddix.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara Ann and Dan Woods, of Sacramento, Calif., and Julie Marie and Rodd Bunch, of Bluffton; two sons and daughters-in-law, James Allen and Becky Haddix of Angola and Jeffrey Lynn and Gail Haddix, of Snoqualmie, Wash., five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; five sisters, Sevilla Miller of Adrian, Mich., Corda Curtis of Angola, Elsie Stambaugh of Milton, Fla., Viola Keller of Edon, Ohio, and Grace Redmond, of Pace, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and one sister.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, Ohio. Interment will follow in Maple Grove Cemetery in Edgerton.

Calling will be Thursday from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent and an online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Roberta Keller

MONTICELLO — Roberta Madge Keller, 77, of Monticello died Monday, Sept. 25, 2006, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Lafayette.

Mrs. Keller was a lifetime Monticello resident and a 1947 graduate of Monticello High School. She was a lifetime member of the Monticello Christian Church.

She had worked in the lunch room at the Chalmers School for two years. She also had served as the jail matron when her husband, Earl, was the White County Sheriff from 1974 to 1982.

She enjoyed traveling and taking care of her family. She especially enjoyed her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was born June 7, 1929, in Monticello to Kenneth E. "Barney" Ireland and Mabel Kellenburger. They preceded her in death.

She married Earl E. Keller, formerly of Auburn, on Feb. 23, 1951, in Monticello, with the Rev. Robert Roth officiating. Her husband survives in Monticello.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Sidone D. and Lane Inman and Earlene L. and Mike Cunegin, all of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Kurt O. and Kathy Keller of Chalmers; a sister, Nada Wiseman of Dayton, Ohio; four grandchildren and their spouses, Kurt T. Keller and his wife, Jennifer, of Fort Wayne, Lesli D. Kerfoot of Fort Wayne, Kurtina R. Minglin and her husband, Clint, of Monticello, and Jason L. Davis and his wife, LaKeisha, of Fort Wayne; 13 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Stuart Ireland and Charles Dean Ireland Sr., and a sister, Louise Sladeski.

Louie Mohr

AUBURN — Louie F. Mohr, 77, of Auburn died Friday, Sept. 22, 2006, at 5:40 p.m. at his home.

Mr. Mohr worked as a plumber with Plumbers Union 156, retiring in 1991. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps.

He was a member of Leo Chapter 278 of the Order of Eastern Star and the local Plumbers and Steamfitters Union.

He was a pilot at Smith Field in Fort Wayne and a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association. With Chapter 2 of the Young Eagles program, he flew more than 200 children.

He was born Aug. 5, 1929, in Wauseon, Ohio.

He married Mildred J. "Milly" Duncan on May 18, 1963. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Laura Yoder; a son, William Mohr; two brothers, Vern Mohr and Dan Mohr; two sisters, Barbara Muten and Marsha Nelson; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Hoosier Warbirds Museum on C.R. 62, Auburn. Pastor Vern Mohr will officiate.

The Northeast Indiana Cremation Society is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to the Shriners' Hospital, Crippled Children's Hospital or Burn Center.

Private family services will be conducted by Dr. Richard McQuinn. Burial will be in the IOOF Riverview Cemetery at Monticello.

There will be no calling. Memorials are to the Multiple Myeloma Association.

The Miller-Roscka Funeral Home, 6368 E. U.S. 24, Monticello, is handling arrangements.

Irena Runion

GARRETT — Irena A. Runion, 85, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2006, at 3:55 a.m. at

Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Runion was a Garrett resident from 1945 until 2001. She worked in assembly at Messenger Corp. in Auburn for 20 years, retiring in March 1982.

She was a past president of the Garrett Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and a member of the Garrett Eagles Auxiliary and the Lady Elks. She attended the First Baptist Church, Garrett.

She was born March 22, 1921, in Waterloo to Dale E. and Julia B. (Richards) McIntosh. They preceded her in death.

On July 12, 1945, in Waterloo, she married Edward O. Runion. He died Aug. 9, 1982.

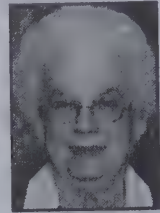
Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dale E. and Linda Runion of Fort Wayne; a sister, Raeburn (Gillespie) Noble of Crystal River, Fla.; two grandsons, Bryan Runion of Ocala, Fla. and Jeffrey Runion of Fort Wayne; two great-granddaughters, Jordan Runion of Ocala, Fla. and Grace Runion of Fort Wayne; and a great-grandson, Jackson Runion of Fort Wayne.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Pastor Arthur G. Ferry Jr. officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Thursday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Society or DeKalb County Heart Fund.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skynet.net.



Mrs. Runion

Robert Forrest, former DeKalb commissioner, dies

WATERLOO — Robert D. Forrest, 85, of rural Waterloo died Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Forrest was a farmer and a carpenter.

He was a member of the Cedar Lake Church of Christ, where he was a past deacon and former Sunday school teacher. He was considered a great family man.

He served 16 years as a DeKalb County Commissioner from 1965 to 1981. He also served on the DeKalb County Drainage Board during that time.

He was one of the founding members of the DeKalb County Heart Association. He also was an avid bowler and loved to golf and fish.

He was born July 26, 1921, in Waterloo to William Earl and Myrtle (Curry) Forrest. They preceded him in death.

He married Naomi Eberly on July 11, 1942, in Waterloo. She survives.



Mr. Forrest

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Robert M. and Vicki Forrest of Waterloo; a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Fred McClish of Bluffton; a sister and brother-in-law, Dorothy and Jim Fisher of Winter Haven, Fla.; seven grandchildren and their spouses, Jon Forrest of Fort Wayne, Mike Forrest of Waterloo, Lisa and Tony Goodman of Auburn, Kelly Jernigan of Chicago, Jennie Forrest of Fort Wayne, Jeff and Nicole McClish of Ossian and Brian and Lisa McClish of Bluffton; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, Lloyd, Orville, Clark, Don and Glenn Forrest, and four sisters, Edna Miller, LaVon Eyster, Viola Refner and Irene Sunday.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in the Cedar Lake Church of Christ. Steve Evans will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling will be today from 2-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Cedar Lake Church elevator fund or the Kidney Foundation.

Esther Bennett

FORT WAYNE — Esther Jean Bennett, 55, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Sept. 25, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Bennett worked at Nucor Fasteners in St. Joe in quality control for 16 years and was a cashier at Wal-Mart for five years. She was a member of the American Legion Post 241 Auxiliary.

She was born May 8, 1951, in DeKalb County.

Surviving are her husband, Arvenus Bennett; a son and daughter-in-law, Merle Ray and Tasha Gerbers of Fort Wayne; a stepdaughter, Elaine Davis of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren, Austin Nichols, Andrew Gerbers, Braden Gerbers and Kaylee Gerbers, all of Fort Wayne; a sister, Sharon Bowers of Waterloo; three brothers, Jeff Fogleson of Youngstown, Ohio, Mike Fogleson of Waterloo and Gary Fogleson of Sturgis, Mich.; and two stepgrandchildren, Aldrick Hughs of Fort Wayne and DeMarco Hughs of Chicago.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Home for Funerals, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo or a charity of the donor's choice.

Caeden Hess

KENDALLVILLE —
Caeden Jonathan Hess was stillborn Monday, Sept. 25, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne to Michelle Jean Kemery and Clint Danvan Hess Jr. of Butler.

Also surviving are his siblings, Taylor VanDyke and Logan Schiefelbein, both of Butler, Dominic Hess of Florida and Alex Mills of Ohio; his maternal grandparents, Rick and Val Kemery of Arizona; paternal grandparents, Phil and Peggy Puckett of Butler; and maternal great-grandmother, Sandra Deem of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Clint Hess in 1991.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Corunna Cemetery with the Rev. Earl Tackett officiating.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Myrth Fox

JACKSON, Calif. — Myrth Hilkey Pomeroy Fox, 99, died Sept. 11, 2006, in Jackson, Calif., where she had lived for the past two years.

She was born in DeKalb County to James and Ursula Hilkey on March 23, 1907. Later she was adopted by Ella Pomeroy.

She married Graydon Fox on May 24, 1948, and relocated to Florida.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and three brothers, Harold Hilkey, Trent Hilkey and Blaine Hilkey Pomeroy.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn, where a short public memorial service will take place Sunday at 1 p.m. at her graveside.

Larry Smith Sr.

AUBURN — Larry Kurt Smith Sr., 49, of Auburn, died Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2006, at Cameron Hospital in Angola.

He was born Jan. 21, 1957, in DeKalb County to Orley D. and Maralene (Kennedy-Martin) Smith. They preceded him in death.



Mr. Smith

Mr. Smith was a journeyman iron worker for Don R. Fruchey in Fort Wayne. He was a member of Local Union 147. He loved his family, especially his two grandchildren, Kalia and Kaitlyn.

He married Helen M. Hansen on May 26, 1979, in Corunna and she survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Larry R. Smith Jr. and Cherisse Smith of Auburn; two daughters and a son-in-law, Valerie L. and Rex Meschberger of Auburn and Natalie D. Smith of Auburn; two grandchildren, Kalia L. Smith and Kaitlyn M. Meschberger; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Matt Smith of Coldwater, Mich., and Mark and Regina Smith of Corunna; four sisters and three brothers-in-law, Cynthia and Phil Arnett of Corunna, Kathryn and Rod Butler of Waterloo, Sherry Smith of Auburn and Kelley and Keith Likes of Butler; a grandmother, Mary Pearson of Michigan; four nephews; and seven nieces.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Orley R. Smith.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. John Erwin officiating. Burial will be in the Corunna Cemetery.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-8 p.m. and Sunday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is being republished to list an additional survivor.

Esther Bennett

FORT WAYNE — Esther Jean Bennett, 55, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Sept. 25, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Bennett worked at Nucor Fasteners in St. Joe in quality control for 16 years and was a cashier at Wal-Mart for five years. She was a member of the American Legion Post 241 Auxiliary.

She was born May 8, 1951, in DeKalb County.

Surviving are her husband, Arvenus Bennett; her mother, Wilma Esther Fogleson of Butler; a son and daughter-in-law, Merle Ray and Tasha Gerbers of Fort Wayne; a stepdaughter, Elaine Davis of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren, Austin Nichols, Andrew Gerbers, Braden Gerbers and Kaylee Gerbers, all of Fort Wayne; a sister, Sharon Bowers of Waterloo; three brothers, Jeff Fogleson of Youngstown, Ohio, Mike Fogleson of Waterloo and Gary Fogleson of Sturgis, Mich.; and two stepgrandchildren, Aldrick Hughs of Fort Wayne and DeMarco Hughs of Chicago.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at Elzey Patterson Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo or a charity of the donor's choice.

Robert Noragon

AUBURN — Robert F. Noragon, 84, died Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Noragon worked for Don Ayres Pontiac in Fort Wayne as a mechanic for nine years. He then worked for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources in Pokagon State Park, retiring in 1984.

He was a member of the Angola post of the American Legion and the Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite and Shrine, all in Fort Wayne.

He served his country during World War II in the U.S. Army Air Corps.

He was born Sept. 19, 1922, in Franklin Township of DeKalb County to Warren and Doris (Meyer) Noragon. They preceded him in death.

He married Erva Wilson on June 7, 1941, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are a brother, Lyle Noragon of Pleasant Lake, and two sisters, Ruth Wilson of Auburn and Deloris Carpenter of Lady Lake, Fla.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Judy Kay Cronin.

There will be no calling or services. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery at Fremont.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Gabriel Hicks

GARRETT — Gabriel Allen Hicks "The Forever Baby," 10, of Garrett, died Thursday, Sept. 28, 2006, at his home.

He suffered a lifelong battle with an unknown disease, as family members cared for him — including grandparents, great-grandparents, aunts and uncles, great aunts and uncles and brothers. Doctors struggled with patience and compassion to find the answers to his illness.

He was born June 9, 1996, to Kory Emerick and Rocky Hicks.

Surviving are three brothers, Jacob Leis, Kale Leis and Joshua Hicks; grandparents Tom and Rita Emerick of Auburn, Dave and Randy Collins of Auburn and Harold and Donna Back of Waterloo; and great-grandparents Herman and Lois Collins of Auburn and Deloris Emerick of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by a paternal grandfather, Robert Hicks.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in the Corunna Cemetery.

Calling will be Saturday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Ursilla Smith

WATERLOO — Ursilla T. "Sally" Smith, 90, of Waterloo died Thursday, Sept. 28, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She worked in the quality control department at Sechler's Pickles in St. Joe for 24 years, retiring in 1979. She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church in Auburn. She enjoyed crocheting, playing cards, watching IU basketball and spending time with her grandchildren.

She was born in DeKalb County on Sept. 20, 1916, to Frank and Elva (Blomeke) Miller, who are both deceased. She married Harold J. Smith

on Nov. 25, 1936, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Waterloo. He died Nov. 26, 1995.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Dorothy and Lloyd Dixon of Auburn and Barbara and Don Williams of Texas; a sister, Joann Rudolph of Waterloo; four grandchildren and their spouses, Connie and Dana Herman, Theresa Dixon, Danny and Lori Williams and Alvin and Deb Williams; six great-grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; four sisters-in-law; and several nieces and nephews.

Besides her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, John Smith, and three sisters and a brother.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn with Father Babasino Fernandes officiating. A special Rosary service will be held Sunday at 5 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home, and one hour prior to the funeral Mass.

Memorials are to RISE in Angola.

Mari Lynn Shulze

ASHLEY — Mari Lynn (Neukom) Shulze, 58, of Ashley died Thursday, Sept. 28, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs.

Shulze was a phlebotomist at Cameron Hospital and Parkview Hospital until her retirement in 2001.



Mrs. Shulze

She was born May 17, 1948, in Garrett to Glenn W. Neukom Sr. and Marcia M. (Schnepf) Neukom. They survive in Garrett.

She married Jack E. Shulze on April 24, 1992, in Fremont, and he survives in Ashley.

Also surviving are two daughters, Leigh Ann Watkins of Ashley and Christina Evans of Angola; a son, Daniel Murley of Pleasant Lake; 10 grandchildren; and a brother, G. Wayne Neukom Jr. of Fort Wayne.

Family members and friends will gather Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

A celebration of life memorial service will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the University of Michigan Alzheimer's Disease Research Center.

Telling the war's real story

Strock guided tours
of World War II
Victory Museum

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GARRETT — In his retirement, Keith Strock made almost daily trips back in time.

As a volunteer at the World War II Victory Museum south of Auburn, Mr. Strock devoted nearly every day of the last four years to "tell of the real experience of World War II," according to Bob Krafft, executive director of the Kruse Museums.

"He wanted the story (of World War II) told, and he took great pride in the Victory Museum and its mission," Krafft said. "He loved it here, and we loved having him here."

Mr. Strock, 84, of Garrett, died Sept. 9 as the result of complications of a heart bypass procedure. He was a decorated Army veteran of the European Theater, wounded by a German artillery shell in France about six weeks after D-Day.

Krafft said Mr. Strock was the weekly recipient of fan mail, e-mails and telephone calls from people who had toured the Victory Museum with him as their tour guide. One letter from a New Haven High School student said: "Thank you for making everything so interesting and memorable, and thank you for your service in World War II."

Mr. Strock was at the



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Keith Strock, left, explains the use of a World War II implement of war to students visiting the World War II Victory Museum in

Auburn. Mr. Strock served as an active volunteer at the museum until his death Sept. 9..

museum nearly every day of the week, and he took pains to make sure groups had a tour guide available from the staff of volunteers. Often, he was joined by his wife, Virginia, also a volunteer.

Krafft said other volunteers as well as the museum staff members are still in shock over the loss of their friend and colleague.

"I am so glad I had the opportunity to meet and know a guy like him," commented Kelly Bergman, former director of marketing for the Kruse Museums.

Staffers Tammy Hantz and Dianne Wineland likened Mr.

Strock to a full-time employee.

"He had donated more than 1,000 hours this year," Wineland said.

"He was loved by the visitors, the staff and the other volunteers," Hantz said. "He gave of himself for the education of others, and he wanted everyone to know what happened in World War II."

Wineland called her friend "a ray of sunshine," adding, "He was the warmest person I have ever met, that is for sure."

Krafft said Mr. Strock gave instructions for his wife to

continue her involvement at the museum.

"He was here one day, heading a tour, and the next day he was having bypass surgery," Krafft said. The need for the surgery was sudden, and Mr. Strock knew it was risky, Krafft explained.

"I am a fighter," Krafft quoted his friend as saying. "He wanted to keep going."

Krafft said Mr. Strock was not selfish, just passionate about people not forgetting the war.

"He was concerned that the story is going to become more and more lost," Krafft said. "He told us all, 'Don't quit.'"

Bea Laub

BUTLER — Bea E. Laub, 90, of Butler died at 12:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, 2006, at Laurels of DeKalb nursing home.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Butler United Methodist Church.

She was born Oct. 1, 1915, in Lawsie, Ohio, to Milton E. and Katie (Lovette) Storer.

On March 27, 1937, she married J. Fred Laub in Spencerville.

Surviving are a son, Gary, and his fiancée, Marilyn Miller, of Butler; and a grandson and his wife, Doug and Jody Laub of Paradise, Mich.

Preceding her in death were her husband in 1994; a daughter-in-law, Mary Laub; a brother, Wayne Storer; and three sisters, Hazel Simanton, Helen Wade and Bobbie Squires.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home of Butler, the Rev. Justin Fisher officiating. Burial will be at Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Butler United Methodist Church or the DeKalb County Cancer Society.

Charles Rowe

KENDALLVILLE — Charles W. Rowe, 82, of Kendallville died Friday, Sept. 29, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

He had been employed at Auburn Foundry 42 years, retiring in 1996 as a janitor.

He loved fishing and was an avid coin collector. He was a member of the Freewill Baptist Church of Waterloo.

Surviving are four daughters, Christine Campbell of Auburn, Jennifer Rowe of Garrett, Amanda Kennedy of Fort Wayne, and Kimberly Rowe of Butler; a son, Kevin Kennedy of Garrett; a care-

giving niece, Dewana Richey of Kendallville; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were a son, Craig Rowe; three brothers; and seven sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Freewill Baptist Church, with burial at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday at the McComb Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Memorials are to the church or to the family.

Roddy Werner

WATERLOO — Roddy E. Werner, 64, of Waterloo died Saturday, Sept. 30, 2006, at Wesley Health Care of Auburn.

He had worked in the kitchen at Kaghann's Korner.

He was born June 30, 1942, in Bryan, Ohio, to Joe and Vivian (Beard) Werner.

On July 6, 1963, he married Mary Ann Rowe in Pleasant Lake. She survives. *WATERLOO*

Also surviving are a son, Tony Werner of Waterloo; a daughter and son-in-law, Tammy Joe and Ray McBride of Corunna; three grandchildren, Becky Ann Nicholas, Amber Marie Nicholas and Sarah Diana McBride; and a great-granddaughter, Neveah Ann Nicholas.

Preceding him in death were his parents and one brother.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be at Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Paul Hancock

WATERLOO — Paul L. Hancock, 56, of Waterloo died Monday, Oct. 2, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Hancock worked at Irving Gravel Co. as a heavy equipment operator and welder and formerly was the plant manager. He served his country in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.



Mr. Hancock

He graduated from Snider High School in Fort Wayne and from the National Auto Diesel College in Nashville, Tenn.

He was a member of New Hope Christian Center, Waterloo.

Mr. Hancock was born Sept. 4, 1949, in Fort Wayne to William G. and Florence V. (Buell) Hancock of Fremont.

He married Carole Graham on Aug. 11, 1973, in Fort Wayne, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Steven Hancock and Dr. Alicia Hancock of Waterloo; two stepsons, Robert Slater of Angola and David Slater and his wife, Sherry, of Edon, Ohio; a daughter, Pamela Hancock of Auburn; a stepdaughter and her husband, Theresa and Tony Disbro of Edon, Ohio; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Lowell and Liabonis Hancock of Canton, Ohio, Jack and Angie Hancock of Fremont and Kirk and Irene Hancock of Fremont; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Betty Hancock of Muncie and Mary and Dennis Rider of Fremont; six grandchildren and their spouses, Nick and Jessica Disbro of Edon, Ben Disbro of Fishers, Deidre and Steven Kishpaugh of Angola, Josh and Ashley Slater of Camden, Mich., Amber Slater of Edon and Cheryl Slater of Edon; and four great-grandchildren, Trenton and Reece Disbro and Alexis and Kaydence Slater.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in New Hope Christian Church, Waterloo, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in Dygert Cemetery at Angola.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo and Thursday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to New Hope Christian Center.

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Judith Powell

SPENCERVILLE — Judith A. Powell, 66, of Spencerville died at 11:39 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1, 2006, at Heritage Park Nursing Center in Fort Wayne, where she was a patient.



Mrs.

Powell was employed by General Electric in Fort Wayne, retiring in 1999 with 25 years of service.

She attended the Spencerville United Methodist Church and was a member of the Hicksville, Ohio, Eagles and the Hicksville American Legion Auxiliary. She also was a member of the Okeechobee, Fla., American Legion Auxiliary.

She was born Aug. 10, 1940, in Auburn to William M. and Ethelyn E. (Baker) Miller.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Ned A. and Karen Powell of Belleville, Ohio, Brian L. and Debbie Powell of Jacksonville, Fla., and Michael D. Powell of Fort Myers, Fla.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Kimberly and Bob Gettys of Spencerville and Ruthie D. and Darrell Holmes of Independence, Mo.; nine grandchildren; two brothers and sisters-in-law, James and Sandy Miller of Spencerville and Ted and Debbie Miller of Butler; and one sister and brother-in-law, Gwen and David Mihuc of Edgerton, Ohio.

A memorial service will be Friday at 3 p.m. in the Spencerville United Methodist Church, with Pastor Jerry Weesner officiating. Interment will be in White City Cemetery near Spencerville.

Calling will be Friday from 1-3 p.m. at the church.

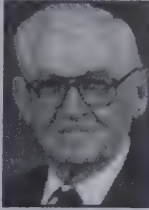
Memorials are to the Spencerville United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to and an online guest register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Glen Knox

AUBURN — Glen H. Knox, 86, of Auburn died Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Knox was a 1938 graduate of Butler High School. He served in the U.S. Army during World



Mr. Knox

War II, fighting in the Battle of the Bulge and retiring as a first lieutenant after serving in Germany and France.

He began as a mechanic at Maxton Motors of Butler in 1941, retiring in 1982 as the dealership's leasing manager.

Mr. Knox was instrumental in the building of Hathaway Little League Park. He was a former winner of the Butler Open.

He was a 50-year member of Forest Lodge 239 F.&A.M., Butler St. Mark's Lutheran Church and Butler American Legion Post 202. He was retired as a 20-year member of the Butler Fire Department from 1947-67, serving as chief for five years. He served on the executive board of DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

He was born Aug. 8, 1920, in Noble County to Hollis and Gail (Hamilton) Knox.

He married Marian Osborne on Nov. 8, 1946, in Butler. She preceded him in death on Feb. 25, 1989.

He married Barbara Pook on June 5, 1989, in Butler. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Rod and Barbara Knox of Auburn; one daughter and son-in-law, Ann Lynn and John Kluska of Lisle, Ill.; one stepdaughter and her husband, Judy and Steve Kincaid of Fort Wayne; one sister and brother-in-law, Onalee and Raymond Moughler of Waterloo; two sisters-in-law, Donna June

Knox and Gailanna Knox, both of Auburn; five grandchildren, Annette Knox of Indianapolis, Matthew Knox of Auburn and Glynn Kluska, Laynie Kluska and Haley Kluska, all of Lisle, Ill.; two stepgrandchildren, Anthony Kincaid of Hutchinson, Kan., and James Kincaid of Fort Wayne; and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Florin and Billy; and two sisters, Majel Moughler and Coralie Holman.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Butler, with Pastor Darrol Heggen officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery with military honors by Butler American Legion Post 202.

Calling will be Friday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home, with a Masonic service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Butler.

Condolences may be sent to www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Esther Timma

FORT WAYNE — Esther E. Timma, 92, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2006, at Golden Years Homestead in Fort Wayne.

She was a licensed practical nurse at Parkview Hospital for 13 years, retiring in 1977. She was a member of the Salem United Church of Christ.

Surviving are her husband of 66 years, Kenneth Timma; daughters Connie Timma of Fort Wayne and Nancy Passwater and her husband, Robert, of Wolcottville; two grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; a sister, Edna King of Auburn; and brothers and sisters-in-law Gordon and Bea Schannen of Fort Wayne and Ralph and Helen Schannen of Fort Myers, Fla.

Preceding her in death was a brother, Robert Schannen.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in Salem United Church of Christ, 2401 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Scott E. Coulter officiating. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be Thursday from 3-6 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the Salem United Church of Christ.

Richard Wilder

FORT WAYNE — Richard D. Wilder, 76, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Sept. 30, 2006, at Parkview Hospital.

A native of Paulding, Ohio, he was a carpenter for 30 years.

Surviving are his wife, Mary E. Wilder of Fort Wayne; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Ken Wilder of Florida and Frank and Dawn Wilder of Fort Wayne; a stepson, Ron Morris of Fort Wayne; two stepdaughters and their husbands, Terri and Dave LeQuia of Garrett and Jamie and Jameson West of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and two brothers.

Preceding him in death were a son, Michael; daughters Debra and Susan; one granddaughter and two sisters, Maxine King and Catherine Wilder.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health Care & Hospice or to the family.

Walter Lampe

AUBURN — Walter W. Lampe, 76, of Auburn died Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Lampe was a dispatcher for Irving Redi-Mix in Fort Wayne for 31 years, retiring in 1990. He



Mr. Lampe

was a truck driver for the Pet Milk Co. in the 1940s and 1950s.

He was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett, where he was a former chairman and church elder. He was an avid ice fisherman and hunter, a former 4-H leader and a member of the Pioneer Car Club.

He was born July 21, 1930, in Fort Wayne to Emil D. and Minnie (Kahlke) Lampe. They preceded him in death.

He married Donna A. Yerks on May 28, 1949, in Harlan. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Deborah and Jerry Claxton of Auburn and Lori Mansfield of Oklahoma City, Okla.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Stephen and Diane Lampe of Auburn and Donald and Missy Lampe of Huntertown; a brother, Waldemar Lampe of New Haven; eight grandchildren and their spouses, Kelly Dirksen and her husband, Dave, of Noblesville, Tonya O'Connor and her husband, Adam, of Auburn, Scott Claxton of Milwaukee, Wis., Daniel Claxton of Auburn, Jessica Lampe and Christopher Lampe, both of Auburn, and Nicholas Jenks and Mitchell Jenks, both of Fort Wayne; and four great-grandchildren, Blake and Katie Dirksen of Noblesville and Alex and

Andrew O'Connor of Auburn.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Garrett. Pastor Jeffrey Horn will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling will be Friday from 2-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, and Saturday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church or the Heimach Senior Center in Auburn.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

David 'Mike' Garrett

WATERLOO — David Michael "Mike" Garrett, 46, of Waterloo died Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2006, at

Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Garrett served as the DeKalb

County health officer for 24

years. He graduated from Madison High School in 1978 and from Indiana State University in 1982 with a bachelor's degree in environmental health.

He was a former member of the Auburn Moose Lodge, an avid fisherman, a music buff, a supporter of Junior Olympics and a Big Red fan. He was a member of St. John's United Church of Christ in Madison.

He was born March 26, 1960, in Madison to Otha and Mary Ann (Smith) Garrett. They survive in Madison.

He married Ann McIntosh on Oct. 5, 1985, in Waterloo. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Jesse Garrett of Auburn; a daughter, MacKenzie Garrett, at home; a sister-in-law, Lisa Garrett of Madison; and his mother-in-law, Margaret Ann McIntosh of Waterloo.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Don White, the Rev. Rex Charles and Jesse Garrett will officiate.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 p.m. and Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family to help with expenses, in care of Ann Garrett, 815 Cedar St., Waterloo, IN 46793.



Mr. Garrett

Roger Hardy

AVILLA — Roger I. Hardy, 74, of Avilla died at 5:51 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville. He had been ill for the past year.

Mr. Hardy had been an engineer technician for Indiana-Michigan Power Co. for more than 30 years.

He had moved to Avilla in 1977 from LaOtto.

Mr. Hardy had been a staff sergeant in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War.

He was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla.

Mr. Hardy enjoyed fishing, gardening, woodworking and being outdoors.

He was born April 4, 1932, in Auburn to Arthur and Harriet (Seery) Hardy. He married Joan Bonville on May 14, 1955. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Michele Hardy and Susan and Dan Collins, all of Butler; a brother, Dean Hardy of Michigan; and four grandchildren, Brett Miller, Michael Hardy, Courtney Hardy and Joanie Hardy.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother and sister, Eldon Hardy and Delmar Allison.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla with the Rev. Dr. Leonard King. Burial will be in Hooper-King Cemetery at Avilla with military graveside services by American Legion Post 240.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, and one hour prior to services Monday at the church.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Virginia Cole

ANGOLA — Virginia D. Rensch Cole, 91, of Angola, died Thursday, Oct. 5, 2006, at Lakeland Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Angola.

She was born Aug. 31, 1915, in DeKalb County, to Harley and Elva Everetts Rensch. She married Hershel Cole on Dec. 21, 1941. He preceded her in death on Jan. 7, 1988.

Mrs. Cole was a homemaker. She attended Fairview Missionary Church in Angola and was a member of a homemakers' club and Steuben County Farm Bureau.

Survivors include a granddaughter, Dr. Katherine Cole Smith of Glen Allen, Va.; a sister, Betty John McCollum, and her husband, John, of Waterloo; a sister-in-law, Doris Harter Rensch of Angola; and many nieces and nephews.

Also preceding her in death were a daughter, Mary Alice Cole Smith, in May 1999 and three brothers, Howard Rensch, Kermit Rensch and Raymond Rensch.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Fairview Missionary Church, the Rev. Norman Fuller officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling will be from 9-11 a.m. at the church on Saturday.

Memorials may be made to Rensch/Everetts College Scholarship Fund established at Taylor University, Fort Wayne, or Fairview Missionary Church.



Mrs. Cole

This obituary is being republished with revisions and additional information about calling hours and relatives.

David 'Mike' Garrett

WATERLOO — David Michael "Mike" Garrett, 46, of Waterloo died Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2006, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Garrett served as the DeKalb

County health officer for 24 years. He graduated from Madison High School in 1978 and from Indiana State University in 1982 with a bachelor's degree in environmental health.

He was a former member of the Auburn Moose Lodge, an avid fisherman, a music buff, a supporter of Junior Olympics and a Big Red fan. He was a member of St. John's United

Church of Christ in Madison.

He was born March 26, 1960, in Madison to Otha and Mary Ann (Smith) Garrett. They survive in Madison.

He married Ann McIntosh on Oct. 5, 1985, in Waterloo. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Jesse Garrett of Auburn; a daughter, MacKenzie Garrett, at home; a sister-in-law, Lisa Garrett of Madison; and his mother-in-law, Margaret Ann McIntosh of Waterloo.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Jeffrey Garrett.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Don White, the Rev. Rex Charles and Jesse Garrett will officiate.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. and Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family to help with expenses, in care of Ann Garrett, 815 Cedar St., Waterloo, IN 46793.



Mr. Garrett

Eileen Sickmiller

GARRETT — Eileen E. Sickmiller, 84, of rural Garrett, died Wednesday evening, Oct. 4, 2006, after a brief illness.

Mrs. Sickmiller had been a resident of rural Garrett since 1970. She was known by many for her generous spirit and kindness.



Mrs. Sickmiller

She was an active member of the Zion Lutheran Church of Garrett and the Sunbeams Homemakers Club and was a supporter of the Garrett Historical Society. She had been a leader of 4-H and Girl Scouts.

While her primary focus was home and family, she was employed for a time at McJon photo laboratories in Fort Wayne and as a health aide for Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

She was born in Florida, Ohio, to Frank and Erna (Boesling) Engler.

She married Robert P. Sickmiller on Easter Sunday, April 1, 1945, and he survives.

The couple first lived in Napoleon, Ohio, and later in Defiance, Ohio, and Fort Wayne.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Lyn Stangland Cameron of Idaho, Jean and Ron Wyss of Fort Wayne and Kristine Sickmiller of Garrett; two sons, Franklin Sickmiller of Garrett and Neil Sickmiller of North Carolina; five grandchildren and their spouses, Eian Cameron and his wife, Chris, of Seattle, Wash., Andrew Stangland and his wife, Elena,

of Virginia, Christopher Strangland and his wife, Erin, of Austin, Texas, Allison Wyss and her husband, Paul Healey of Boston, Mass., and Molly Wyss of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Hilda Bretz and Rosella Bergstedt, both of Henry County, Ohio; and a brother, Martin Engler of Henry County.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Charles and Burdette Engler.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in Zion Lutheran Church, Garrett, with a reception following. Burial will be in the Cedar Creek Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Memorials are to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League or to Concordia Seminary of Fort Wayne.

Marion Furnish

SPENCERVILLE —

Marion Irene Furnish, 87, of Spencerville died Friday, Oct. 6, 2006, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

She worked as a secretary for AC & Y Railroad in Akron, as a telephone operator in Spencerville and as a librarian for Riverdale Elementary School in St. Joe.



Mrs. Furnish

Mrs. Furnish enjoyed music, euchre, bridge, needlepoint and bird watching. She was a proud member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Spencerville and a beloved wife, grandmother and great-grandmother.

On Jan. 23, 1919, in Akron, Ohio, she was born to Arthur White and Beulah (Hawk) White Sommers.

She married Merl Dean Furnish on March 31, 1946, in Akron. He preceded her in death on May 19, 2002.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth and Cindy Furnish, Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Norma and Kenny Neuhouser, Leo; two grandchildren and their spouses, Nicole and Phil Shull, St. Joe, and Jon and Jonelle Furnish, Garrett; five great-grandchildren, McKenna, Madison and Marisa Shull and Dawson and Reese Furnish; and two half-brothers, Roger White, Circleville, Ohio, and Bill White, Anderson.

In addition to her husband and parents, her stepfather, Joe Sommers, preceded her in death.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Spencerville. Burial will be in White City Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday

Elizabeth Prickett

NORTH CANTON, Ohio

— Elizabeth M. (Reynolds) Prickett, 93, died Thursday, Oct. 5, 2006, at St. Luke Lutheran Home, North Canton, Ohio.

Mrs. Prickett had worked at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne and was a member of St. Ann's Queen of Angels Church.

She was born May 10, 1913, in Garrett to William and Anna (Soule) Culbertson. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are seven grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Melvin Reynolds, her second husband, Eugene Prickett, and two sons, Jimmie and Thomas Reynolds.

A graveside service took place Saturday in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

The Stier-Israel Funeral Home of Louisville, Ohio, was in charge of arrangements.

from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Carnahan-Baldinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Memorials are to St. Peter's Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 97, Spencerville IN 46788, Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne IN 46814 or Turnstone Center for Disabled Children & Adults Inc., 3320 N. Clinton St., Fort Wayne IN 46805.

Teacher was 'role model for everyone'

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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ANGOLA — Phillip Martin Jr. was a young man who was living a good life.

He and his wife, Cari, were married on April 1, 2000. He was a well-liked fifth-grade teacher at Hendry Park Elementary. He and his wife were starting a family — Phillip and Cari's daughter, Hannah Elizabeth, was born in July 2003.

Two months later, Phillip was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma. On Sept. 28, after a long battle with the disease, Phillip passed away. He was 29.

Cari and Phillip met when they were both students at Manchester College. They began dating in 1997.

"He was so outgoing," Cari said. "He loved the outdoors and sports of all kinds ... especially Notre Dame teams."

Phillip was studying elementary education at Manchester, while Cari was pursuing a degree in psychology with a religion minor.

"We had a lot of similar interests," Cari said. "We were in choir together at Manchester. He loved kids and I loved kids. We both loved the outdoors and had a really strong faith. We were really compatible."

Even after his diagnosis, Hendry principal Kristin Sine said Phillip remained optimistic.

"He was a great guy. He had a wonderful, positive

attitude through everything," Kristin said.

Phillip was a dedicated teacher who enjoyed his students.

"He interacted well with the children. He was a wonderful role model for them," Kristin said. "Really, he was a wonderful role model for everyone. He was an asset to our staff and students. I'm just sorry we didn't have him for longer than we did."

Kristin said when Phillip first started going to treatment, he was hopeful.

"He was so positive. He had a lot of faith," she said. "We have a lot of fond memories of when he was here."

Hannah, Cari said, was able to be with her father a lot during his last years.

"It was hard, but in some ways it made Hannah more easygoing," Cari said. "Ever since she was little, she went to Daddy's appointments with him. She learned to take things in stride and go with the flow."

Phillip went through chemotherapy and radiation. He was declared cancer-free twice, only to have the disease return. He underwent a stem cell transplant using his own cells and a bone marrow transplant using bone marrow from his brother, Andrew, who was a perfect match.

But in the end, despite all his fighting, Phillip couldn't beat the disease that had ravaged him.

Cari's grandmother, Eileen Fulton, said she couldn't have

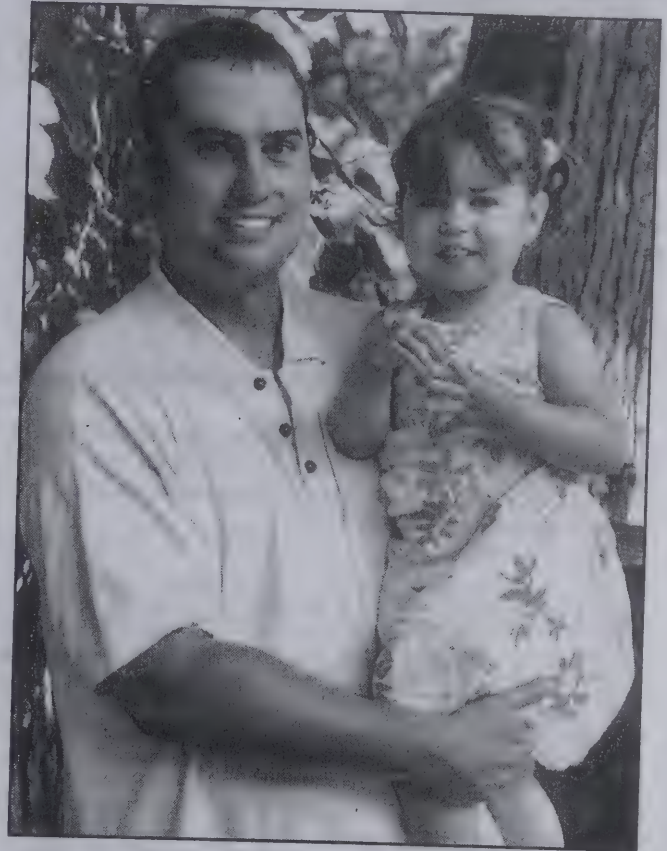


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Phillip Martin Jr. of Angola was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma two months after the birth of his daughter, Hannah. Mr. Martin passed away on Sept. 28.

chosen a better partner for a granddaughter.

"What can I say, except that he was a wonderful father, a wonderful husband, a wonderful teacher and a wonderful man?" she said.

Cari remembers her husband with tremendous pride, and knows that one day

her daughter will do the same.

"He didn't give up at all. Even at the very end he was fighting," she said. "Because he took treatments at home, he got to see a lot of Hannah. They were very close, and he was able to pass along himself to her, even in that short amount of time."

Wayne McPherson

KENDALLVILLE — Wayne L. McPherson, 37, of Kendallville died at 2 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 7, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne where he had been a patient since Thursday evening.



Mr. McPherson

Mr. McPherson had lived in Noble and DeKalb counties his entire life. He was a 1986 graduate of DeKalb High School.

He had been employed at DeKalb Molded Plastics in Butler for 11 years.

Mr. McPherson enjoyed NASCAR and working on cars.

He was born Oct. 4, 1969, in Auburn to Andrew Wayne and Twana (Rupert) McPherson.

Surviving are his father and stepmother, Andrew and Nannie McPherson of LaGrange; his mother, Twana McPherson of Waterloo; two sons, Billy Park and Raymond Park, both of Angola; seven sisters, Twana Mourer of Waterloo, Terry Brown of Arkansas, Shana McPherson of Auburn and Amanda McPherson, Teresa Hunter, Tammy Shirk and Robin Farley, all of Kendallville; four brothers, Adam McPherson and Scott Shirk, both of Garrett, Stacy Shirk of Hometown, Scott Hall of Ohio and Larry Hall, Jamie Hall and Billy Hall, all of Kendallville; and his girlfriend, Melody Frane.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., with Willie Collins officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

Genevieve Thompson

CHURUBUSCO — Genevieve C. "Jenny" Thompson, 88, of Churubusco died at 11:45

p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, 2006, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.



Mrs. Thompson

Mrs. Thompson had resided at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City since August.

She was a lifetime resident of Churubusco and a graduate of Churubusco High School.

Mrs. Thompson had been a homemaker and member of Beacon Light Chapel.

She was born Nov. 13, 1917, in Churubusco to Elmer and Nellie (Simons) Evans. She married Ralph Thompson on May 6, 1938, in Marion. He died May 4, 1973.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Barbara Thompson of Avilla and Alan and Sharon Thompson of Huntington; a daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Dennis Fisher of Churubusco; a sister, Bette Raypole of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by an infant daughter, Janet Thompson; a stepdaughter, Wanda Graham; and a sister, Ruby Scott.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Nate Harlan of Beacon Light Chapel officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery near Churubusco.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Wednesday.

Memorials are to Beach Light Chapel.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Bernadette Teders

AVILLA — Bernadette C. Teders, 90, of Avilla died at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Teders had been a homemaker and lifetime Avilla resident.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla and its Rosary Sodality. She was also a member of Harvest House and the Sacred Heart Home Auxiliary.

She was born Aug. 14, 1916, in DeKalb County to William G. and Gertrude A. (Snider) Meyer. She married Louis H. Teders on June 2, 1938, in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. He died Aug. 22, 1976.

Surviving are five daughters and two sons-in-law, Martha and Jim Mueller of Avilla, Linda and Jerry de Lizer of Deming, N.M., Sister Elaine Teders of New Lenox, Ill., Retha Hollis of Columbia City and Nancy Buckles of Water-loo; two sons and daughters-in-law, William and Betty Teders of Angola and Raymond and Judy Teders of Hartsville, S.C.; a brother and sister-in-law, Francis and Theresa Meyer of Avilla; a sister, Agnes Tilbury of Fort Wayne; 19 grandchildren; and 41 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son-in-law, Paul Buckles; four sisters, Evelyn Freeman, Wilma Schmenk, Mildred Fischer and Sister Marie Meyer; and four brothers, Bernard Meyer, Herman Meyer, Edward Meyer and Robert Meyer.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla with Father Daniel Leeuw and Father Fernandes officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with a rosary at 8 p.m. and one hour prior to services Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to the ministries of the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart Masses to the church.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is
being republished to list additional
surviving relatives.

Marion Furnish

SPENCERVILLE —

Marion Irene Furnish, 87, of Spencerville died Friday, Oct. 6, 2006, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

She worked as a secretary for AC & Y Railroad in Akron, as a telephone operator in Spencerville and as a librarian for Riverdale Elementary School in St. Joe.



Mrs. Furnish

Mrs. Furnish enjoyed music, euchre, bridge, needlepoint and bird watching. She was a proud member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Spencerville and a beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

On Jan. 23, 1919, in Akron, Ohio, she was born to Arthur White and Beulah (Hawk) White Sommers.

She married Merl Dean Furnish on March 31, 1946, in Akron. He preceded her in death on May 19, 2002.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth and Cindy Furnish of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Norma and Kenny Neuhouser of Leo; three grandchildren and their spouses, Nicole and Phil Shull of St. Joe, Jon and Jonelle Furnish of Garrett, and Dustin and Mandy Neuhouser of Fort Wayne; eight great-grandchildren, McKenna, Madison and Marisa Shull, Dawson and Reese Furnish and Austin, Brandon and Jimmy Neuhouser; and two half brothers, Roger White, Circleville, Ohio, and Bill White, Anderson.

In addition to her husband and parents, her stepfather, Joe Sommers, preceded her in death.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Spencerville. Pastor Elizabeth Nichel and Pastor Bill Hoerger will officiate. Burial will be in White City Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Carnahan-Baldinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Memorials are to St. Peter's Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 97, Spencerville IN 46788, Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne IN 46814 or Turnstone Center for Disabled Children & Adults Inc., 3320 N. Clinton St., Fort Wayne IN 46805.

Marietta Agner

ANGOLA — Marietta Agner, 84, of Angola died Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2006, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Agner was born June 21, 1922, in Angola to Gail W. and Mildred (Johnson) Anstett. She was married to Martin "Abe" Agner, and he preceded her in death on March 4, 1993.

She was the vice president of First National Bank of Angola, and retired in 1986 after 43 years. She was a member of Pleasant View Church of Christ, Ashley Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, Organ Club and the Fort Wayne Rebekah Lodge.

Surviving are two sisters, Donna Mae Russell of Wabash and Doretta Souders of Clair, Mich.; and nine nieces and nephews and their spouses, Jean Wells of Auburn, Steve and Cindy Anstett and Debra Krantz, all of Pleasant Lake, Katie Leland of Wabash, Mike Wisner of Apez, N.C., Butch Haifley of Angola, Donnie Bachelor of Orland and John Bachelor of Toledo, Ohio.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Don Anstett, and a sister Eloise Wisner.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. George Foulk officiating. Calling will be one hour before services on Friday.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to Pleasant Lake Baptist Church.

Louis Howe

WOLCOTTVILLE — Louis J. Howe, 89, of Wolcottville died at 11:35 p.m. Monday, Oct. 9, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange where he had been a resident since September.

Mr. Howe had moved to Wolcottville in 1978 from Auburn.

He retired in 1978 from Dana Corp. in Auburn after 22 years of service.

Mr. Howe was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

He was a member of the Indiana Sheriff's Association.

He was born May 29, 1917, in St. Joseph, Mo., to Charles and Mary (William) Howe. He married Harriet Sigsby on April 11, 1960, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are four daughters, Garnett Baughman and Judy Collins, both of Auburn, Delores Clay of Butler and Glenna Howe of West Virginia; three sons, Charles Howe and Junior Howe, both of Butler, and William Howe of Auburn; and 16 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Marie Howe; five sisters; and a brother.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, with the Rev. Mike

McKinney officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

Mark Rykard

FORT WAYNE — Mark E. Rykard, 48, of Fort Wayne, died Sunday, Oct. 8, 2006, at South Bend Memorial Hospital.

A Fort Wayne native, he graduated magna cum laude from Ball State University and was an avid basketball player and fisherman.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Kristen M. and Chris Turney of Fort Wayne; his parents, James R. and Betty Rykard of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren; a sister and brother-in-law, Kay and Cleatus Roller of Auburn; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Vance and Bobbi Rykard of Ann Arbor, Mich., and Samuel and Cindy Rykard of Fort Wayne; eight nieces and nephews; and several great-nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday and from 1 to 2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to The Chapel, 2505 W. Hamilton Road S, Fort Wayne, IN 46814.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is being republished to correct errors

Marietta Agner

ANGOLA — Marietta Agner, 84, of Angola died Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2006, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Angola.

Mrs. Agner was born June 21, 1922, in Angola to Gail W. and Mildred (Johnson) Anstett. She was married to Martin "Abe" Agner and he preceded her in death on March 4, 1993.

She was the vice president of First National Bank of Angola, and retired in 1986 after 43 years. She was a member of Pleasant View Church of Christ, Ashley Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, Organ Club and the Fort Wayne Rebekah Lodge.

Surviving are two sisters, Donna Mae Russell of Wabash and Doretta Souders of Clair, Mich.; and 11 nieces and nephews, Jean Wells of Auburn, Robert, Steve and Cindy Anstett and Debra Krantz, all of Pleasant Lake, Katie Leland of Wabash, David Souders of Clair, Mike Wisner of Apeze, N.C., Butch Haifley of Angola, Donnie Bachelor of Orland and John Bachelor of Toledo, Ohio.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Don Anstett, and a sister, Eloise Wisner.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. George Foulk officiating. Calling will be one hour before services on Friday.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to Pleasant Lake Baptist Church.

Barbara Wood

WATERLOO — Barbara A. Wood, 64, of Waterloo died Monday, Oct. 9, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Wood worked at the former Magnavox plant in Auburn, retiring in 2003. She was a member of the Auburn Church of Christ.

She was born March 27, 1942, in Holloway, Mich., to Claude Lewis Sr. and Jenny (Vanorden) Lewis. They preceded her in death.

She married Dale A. Wood on Jan. 12, 1960. He died May 29, 1991.

Surviving are a son, Jimmy Dale Wood of Waterloo; a daughter and son-in-law, Tina and Sean Landers of Auburn; a brother, Wilber Lewis of Garrett; and two grandchildren, Dawn Monroe and Misty Myers.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Claude Lewis Jr. and Henry Lewis; two sisters, Mary Omstead and Margaret Lewis; and a great-granddaughter, Desiree Monroe.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with John Scott officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Verline Goss

BUTLER — Verlene "Peggy" Goss, 97, of Butler and formerly of Coldwater, Mich., died Sunday, Oct. 8, 2006, at the Laurels of DeKalb.

She was born Oct. 26, 1908, in Steuben County to George A. and Ida (Myers) Rumsey. She married Kenneth Goss on Sept. 26, 1939, in Angola. He preceded her in death in 1986. She lived in the Coldwater area most of her life. She worked at Stuey Hotel, Pine Island Restaurant and Day's Trailer Court.

She is survived by two daughters; Virginia Colvin Dick of Coldwater and Anita Penning of Chicago; 10 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by four brothers; two sisters; a daughter, Cuma Jean Gray; two grandchildren, Richard Gray, Peggy Dick; one great-granddaughter, Cherie VanEvery; and two great-great-grandchildren, Chaz Daler and Courtney Sutton.

Mrs. Goss was a member of the Eagles Club of Coldwater, she was past president of the ladies auxiliary. She was well known for her cooking and her family was her life.

Calling will be today from noon until the time of service at 1 p.m. at the Putnam Funeral Home, Coldwater. Burial will be in Batavia Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family.

Leave an online tribute at www.putnamfuneralhome.com



Mrs. Goss

Everett Leins

CORUNNA — Everett Heber "Whitey" Leins, 85, of Corunna died at 8:40 p.m. Monday, Oct. 9, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Leins had been a lifetime area resident.

He was a farmer and a World War II U.S. Army veteran. He enjoyed fishing.

Mr. Leins was a member of Francis Vinyard VFW Post 2749 in Kendallville.

He was born June 15, 1921, in Hudson to John and Rhea (High) Leins. He married Virginia Sophia Lehman on Sept. 25, 1943, in West Fairfield. The couple had just celebrated their 63 wedding anniversary.

Surviving with his wife are two daughters and a son-in-law, Connie and Dan Widdifield of Fremont and Sharon Benner of Denver, Colo.; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Larry and Jo Leins of Kendallville, Ron Leins of Auburn and Rick Leins of Corunna; 21 grandchildren; and 35 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Bobby Leins in 1952 and Keith Leins in 1995.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, with the Rev. Paul Griebel of St. John Lutheran Church officiating.

Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery with military graveside services by VFW Post 2749. Pallbearers will be Seth Leins, Greg Leins, Mike Leins, Steve Leins, Angie Leins, Becky Leins, Judy Leins Moore and Christie Leins Snyder.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Corunna Fire Department, 102 Bridge St., Corunna, IN 46730.

Condolences may be sent to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.



Mr. Leins

Marilyn Rawlings

AUBURN — Marilyn Victoria Rawlings, 75, died Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.



Mrs. Rawlings

Mrs. Rawlings had worked in the purchasing department of Mac Tools in Washington Court House, Ohio.

She was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church and the New Neighbors and Ladies Literary Club of Auburn. She volunteered at Sunny Meadows Residential Home and DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She was born Jan. 15, 1931, in Wichita, Kan., to Victor H. and Ruth (Plant) Frisch. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son, Dan S. Kleeman of Indianapolis; a daughter and son-in-law, Lou Anne and Stephen McGee of South Bend; two stepsons, Adam Rawlings and Damon Rawlings; a brother, David Frisch of Syracuse, N.Y.; a sister and brother-in-law, Gretchen and Fred Brown of Auburn; three grandchildren, Scott Kleeman, Casey McGee and Molly McGee; and a great-grandchild, Ethan Paul Kleeman.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Glenn M. Rawlings, and a sister, Dana Grigsby.

There will be no services or calling. Burial will be in Earlham Cemetery at Richmond.

Memorials are to Sunny Meadows Residential Home, Attn. Kim Pierson, 2315 C.R. 40, Auburn, IN 46706, or the Eckhart Public Library, 603 S. Jackson St., Auburn, IN 46706.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, is handling arrangements.

Mable Parkerson

FORT WAYNE — Mable Geraldine Parkerson, 61, of Las Vegas and formerly of Fort Wayne, died Sunday, Oct. 8, 2006 in Las Vegas.

She helped her husband build a business, Parkerson Electronics, and she was a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband, Roger, of Las Vegas; two daughters, Kimberly of Garrett and Patricia of Kentucky; a son, David, of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren; and a brother and sister-in-law, Otis and Joyce Swanagin of Jonesboro, Tenn.

Services will be at noon Saturday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, with burial in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to noon Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

David Alley

AUBURN — David M. Alley, 62, died Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2006, at his son's home in Auburn after a long illness.

Born in Garrett, Mr. Alley was a forklift driver for Rieke Corp. for 37 years, retiring in 2003.



Mr. Alley

He graduated from Auburn High School. He was a Pittsburgh Steelers NFL fan and enjoyed NASCAR, especially Mark Martin, camping and the outdoors.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Chris and Tina Alley of Auburn, three grandchildren, Tawni, Chase Michael and Brayton Alley, all of Auburn; and three sisters and brothers-in-law, Lynn and Rex Clifton, Nan and Ron Grable and Tiz and Jerry Pepple, all of Orland.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with Ed Grable officiating.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Society or DeKalb County Hospice.

George Ellert

ASHLEY — George "Fred" Ellert, 88, died Thursday, Oct. 12, 2006, at his home in rural Ashley.

Mr. Ellert worked at Dana Corp. for 23 years, retiring in 1980. He also was retired from farming in Smithfield Township.

He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in rural Waterloo and its Harvest House, the Loyal Order of Moose in Angola and the Kendallville Eagles.

He was born July 17, 1918, in Ashley to Michael and Amelia (Blomeke) Ellert.

He married Rosemary Hoffelder on Jan. 27, 1945, in St. Michael's Catholic Church. She died Oct. 10, 1955.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Anne M. and Steven Braun of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren, Stephanie Braun, Mary Braun and Carol Deakins and her husband, Jeremiah; and two great-grandchildren, Joel and Preston Deakins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Pauline Gase and Helen Ellert.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church, 1098 C.R.

39, Waterloo. Father Phil Schneider will officiate. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m., with a rosary service at 6 p.m., at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to Masses to the church or to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Gertie Mortorff

FORT WAYNE — Gertie Mortorff, 72, Fort Wayne, died Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2006, at the home of her son and daughter-

in-law, Henry Jr. and Berneda Smith.

She was a former Hamilton resident who with her husband operated the What Not Shop at the site of the present Baby Boomers restaurant in Hamilton. She was a member of the Hamilton Pythian Sisters and had retired from Dana Weatherhead in Angola.

Surviving are her husband, Lynn of Auburn; three stepdaughters; a son and his family; three sisters; seven brothers; grandchildren, nieces and nephews; and three sisters-in-law, including Leora Johnson of Hamilton.

Her parents, a sister and five brothers preceded her in death.

Services were Oct. 6 at Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church.

Burial was in Concordia Cemetery Gardens.

Margery Miller

AUBURN — Margery L. Miller, 90, of Auburn, died Thursday, Oct. 12, 2006, at Smith Farms Manor in Auburn.

Born in rural DeKalb County, Mrs. Miller was a custodian at DeKalb Middle School for six years, retiring in 1981. She also had worked as a housekeeper at the Starlight Motel from 1967 to 1975. She served Meals on Wheels for more than 20 years and was a member of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene.

Surviving are her husband, Howard J. Miller of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, G. and Dr. Robert Edwards of Auburn and Nina and Hugh Callison of Katy, Texas; a son and daughter-in-law, George A. and Carolyn Miller of Auburn; nine grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Robert C. McInturf of Fresno, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Homer McInturf; and four sisters, Leona McInturf, Marie I. Blevins, Juanita G. McClellan and Irene Peters.

Services will be today at 2:30 p.m. in the Auburn Church of the Nazarene, 2301 N. Main St., Auburn, with the Rev. Dan White officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be from 1-2:30 p.m. today at the church.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is handling arrangements.

Nellie Rynearson

AUBURN — Nellie M. Rynearson, 89, of Auburn, died Thursday, Oct. 12, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Rynearson was a homemaker.

She was born Nov. 22, 1916, in Garrett to John and Minnie (Painter) Hurd. They preceded her in death.

She married Hugh E. Rynearson on July 24, 1940, in Garrett. He died Aug. 22, 1994.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Herb and Mical Rynearson of Auburn; two daughters and a son-in-law, Judy Collingsworth of

Auburn and Gloria and Ron Schoenecker of Parma, Ohio; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son-in-law, James Collingsworth, a sister and three brothers.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Richard Pickard officiating. Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Aneata Whitlock

AUBURN — Aneata M. "GaGa" Whitlock, 98, of Auburn died Oct. 13, 2006, at the DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She worked at the Messenger Corp. in Auburn and then for the Auburn Rubber Company before becoming a full-time homemaker.

She was a member of the Guys and Gals Square Dancing Club.

She was born on Sept. 3, 1908, in Steuben County to Milo and Sadina (Brandberry) Nickols.

She married Donald B. Whitlock on March 22, 1924, in Steuben County. He preceded her in death on July 31, 1986.

Surviving are one daughter, Charolette J. Wallace of Auburn; two grandchildren, Jon and Robin Wallace of Butler and Doneata Fritz of Auburn; five great-grandchildren; and 12 great great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Edwin B. Wallace; four sisters; and three brothers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. D.V. Dillinger officiating. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be 5-8 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association.

Leaders was Champion for youth

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND

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LAGRANGE — Lorna Leaders knew and worked with a lot of people.

A woman with a wide smile, twinkling eyes, a booming voice and a hearty, infectious laugh, it was always obvious how much she loved them all. But there was definitely a special place in Lorna's heart for her "FIST"ers — the high school students who were involved in Forever Improving Steuben County Together, a youth pod she was charged with directing and developing as part of her job as the program officer for the Steuben County Community Foundation.

"She would always talk about this person or that person; she would throw names all over the place and she was so happy and proud that she knew all these people," said Marjorie Booth of Orland, one of Lorna's four daughters. "But she was really, really proud of her FIST'ers."

The students that are now and have in the past been part of that youth pod were left reeling by Lorna's death on Oct. 7. Although she had been diagnosed with colon cancer on June 30, Lorna was determined to beat the disease and never once let herself or anyone else think her illness was getting her down.

"FIST will remember Lorna for her continuous dedication to our organization. Without her leadership and inspiration, we would not be in the position we are in today," said Colby Shank, a junior from Hamilton High School who Lorna referred to as "my computer whiz kid." "Also, Lorna always had faith in whatever we did. It was that belief in us that gave us confidence and allowed us to succeed."

Sharon Stroh, president and chief executive officer of the Steuben County Community Foundation, said she and SCCF administrative assistant Sandy Ferrell are also struggling with Lorna's death.

"She's left a big hole," Stroh said sadly. "You just don't replace Lorna. You miss her and you realize what her contribution was. She had been sick, but she had such an incredible outlook. She'd had surgery and she felt so much better ... she thought a true miracle had happened. And because she thought that, we all believed it, too."

Lorna's death wasn't a result of her cancer. Although it's not been determined conclusively, doctors believe Lorna died after she got some sort of infection from or had a reaction from the chemotherapy she was undergoing.



Lorna Leaders, seated far right, was a driving force behind youth pod Forever Improving Steuben County Together. Pictured with Leaders in a FIST group photo taken in September are, seated from left, Pam Harger, Justin McKnight, Logan Reidenbach, David Zimmer, Dailie Allen

and Mrs. Leaders; and standing, from left, Colby Shank, Allison Hall, Courtney Poor, Nic Hochstedler, Cassie Folck, Aaron Kaufman, Lauren Coleman, Joshua Quandt, Morgan Moore, Annie Kaufman, Lindsay Ryan and Laurie Sellers.

Stroh said the outpouring of love from past and present members of FIST would have meant the world to Lorna.

"The things they said at her funeral ... it wasn't sad or sappy. It was beautiful and honest," she said.

Angola High School graduate Brittany Bassett and Hamilton High School graduates Taryn Knox and Jeremy Stackhouse, all FIST alumni, gave eulogies at Lorna's funeral.

"Lorna has left behind a legacy that will be lived on through the Dekko Foundation, the community foundation, and FIST, but most of all, her family," said the words read by Brittany and Taryn, who worked together to create a tribute. "On behalf of past and current FIST members we want to thank Lorna's family for sharing her with us. Your understanding allowed Lorna to give so much of her time to make FIST one of the most outstanding youth pods in the Dekko Foundation. We achieved this exceptional reputation because of Lorna ... Lorna was able to direct us because you supported her passion. Everyone here today knows that Lorna would always go above and beyond to show the ones she loved how much she cared for them. As a FIST member, or as she would say a FIST'er, I personally experienced Lorna's drive and determination of how important it is to have a 'true' giving spirit."

Lorna's passing doesn't mean the members of FIST will ever forget her vision for what the youth pod was all about.

"Everyone at FIST is determined more than ever to help others in the community," Colby said. "We know that is what Lorna would have wanted us to do. Basically, Lorna inspired us. Although she had a number of health ailments, she always had time to help others. Personally, I'd describe her as having a look of exhausted enthusiasm ... you knew she was physically tired, but she kept on going because she absolutely loved what she did."

Stroh said she will remember her friend and co-worker — who she had worked with since 1997 — as a woman of fierce character and spirit.

"Her daughter kept introducing me to people as Lorna's boss," Sharon said with a chuckle. "I finally said, 'I worked with Lorna ... but no one bossed her.'"

The community foundation began in 1994. Sharon came onboard in 1996, and Lorna came less than a year later. It was only the two of them for a long time, and Sharon said Lorna's tireless efforts and enthusiasm will never be forgotten.

"When you start out at an organization that's young, like Lorna and I did, you morph into your job," she said. "Lorna and I never could have known what youth and philanthropy would have meant to this community and how large the foundation would grow. She was such an integral part of that ... she truly became her job."

Brittany said losing Lorna is something that will take her a long time to get past.

"When Taryn and I learned

of Lorna's passing, we said over and over, if only we would've had one more day to share with Lorna," she said. "But then as we talked, we soon realized that one more day still would not have been enough."

Maybe not, but Brittany said she's pretty sure what Lorna's advice would have been.

"Lorna would have told us to be thankful for the time we did have together," she said.

Taryn read the final passage in the eulogy she and Brittany wrote.

"Lorna had a vision and she always encouraged us to think beyond today," she said. "And with the true spirit of Lorna here today, Brittany and I encourage everyone to make Lorna proud and dream big."

Marjorie said she wants people to think of her mother and be happy.

"I would want people to remember her smile," she said. "She was a positive thinker and she was so happy."

No matter what.

"The day she was diagnosed with cancer, she was thanking the doctors and nurses. She thanked the person who wheeled her out in a wheelchair," Marjorie said, tears creeping into a happy voice that was so reminiscent of her mother's. "She was so sick, but she always had energy and was very strong. Like she did everything else, she handled cancer with strength and courage. She knew she had cancer and she knew it was bad, but she didn't let it break her. My mother was happy ... right up until the end."

Ruth Teeters

AUBURN — Ruth A. Teeters, 98, of Auburn died Saturday, Oct. 14, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Teeters was a lifetime farmer. She also worked at Creek Chub Bait Co. in Garrett for two years. She then worked for Feagler Decorating Service in Auburn for seven years and at the Lords Dress Shop in Auburn for five years. She was a former member of Maple Grove Church in Waterloo.

She was born April 6, 1908, in rural DeKalb County to John O. and Bertha A. (Wimer) Souder. They preceded her in death.

She married Washington O. Teeters on June 18, 1930, in DeKalb County. He died Aug. 15, 1986.

Surviving are three nephews and their wives, Dr. William Souder and Edith Souder of Gurley, Ala., Roger and Susan Souder of Auburn and Dr. Mark Souder and Bonnie Souder of Auburn; one niece and her husband, Melony and Randy Ramsey of Lafayette; 12 great-nephews and 13 great-nieces.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Willis Souder and Paul Souder, and one sister, Esther Springer.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. The Rev. Ronald Stambaugh will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Tuesday from 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Society or the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Frank Tropp

MONGO — Frank L. Tropp, 81, of Mongo died Saturday, Oct. 14, 2006, at the home of his daughter in Auburn.

Mr. Tropp had been a lifetime LaGrange County resident.

He had retired as a driver for Gateway Transportation after 28 years of service.

Mr. Tropp was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He was a member of Orland American Legion Post 423.

He was born April 30, 1925, in LaGrange to Perry and Bernice (Wilson) Tropp. He married June E. Peppers on Sept. 18, 1948, in Mongo. She died Dec. 14, 2003.

Surviving are two daughters Pam Helland of Auburn and Darien Tropp of Indianapolis; two sons and daughters-in-law, Stan and Jean Tropp of Wolcottville and Tim and Amy Tropp of Auburn; a sister and brother-in-law, Mary Jane and Kenneth Clemons of Angola; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Perry Tropp Jr.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. James Bartlett officiating. Burial will be in English Prairie Cemetery in Howe with military rites by Orland American Legion Post 423.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Kidney Fund.

Franklin Cole

GARRETT — Franklin R. Cole, 90, died Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Garrett.

Mr. Cole was a lifelong Garrett resident. He served as a Garrett Police officer for 13 years and retired as a custodian at St. Joseph Catholic School in Garrett.

Mr. Cole was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett Eagles, Garrett American Legion Post 178 and Knights of Columbus.

He was born Oct. 28, 1915, to Albert and Nova (Biddle) Cole.

On June 12, 1937, he married Kathlyn Redmond. She died Sept. 8, 1991.

He married Phyllis Foltz Custer on Aug. 22, 1992. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, James L. and Diana Cole of Bluffton, Joseph A. and Bonnie Cole of Garrett and John A. and Pam Cole of Springboro, Ohio; a daughter and son-in-law, Dean A. and Joanne Betts of Corunna; a stepson and his wife, Jerry W. and Lois Custer of Garrett; 17 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

A brother, Lowell "Tony" Cole, preceded him in death on Sept. 22, 2006.

Services will be Friday at noon in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, with Father Ted Uwakwe officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery of Garrett.



Mr. Cole

Kenneth Krinn

GARRETT — Kenneth B. Krinn, 57, of Garrett died Monday, Oct. 16, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Krinn was a former member of the Garrett Elks Lodge.

He was born Jan. 31, 1949, in Allen County to Orest and Alice (Hadley) Krinn. They preceded him in death.

He married Mary K. Watson on April 20, 2006, in Auburn. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are a son, Bradley Krinn; a daughter, Jennifer Miller; two brothers, Jerry Krinn and Terry Krinn; and one sister, Ramona Hinders.

There will be no services or calling. Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to the family.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m., and Friday from 11 a.m. to noon at the church.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

Bernadette Schlink

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Bernadette L. Schlink, 82, of Fort Myers, Fla., died Monday, Oct. 16, 2006, at Hope Hospice Home in Fort Myers.

She was a homemaker and was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, rural Waterloo.

She was born Aug. 23, 1924, in Fort Wayne to Jared and Louise (Wertzerber) Reed.

They preceded her in death.

She married Bernon E. Schlink on July 21, 1945, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Fort Wayne. He survives in Fort Myers.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Philip and Carrie Schlink of Auburn; two daughters, Catherine Schlink of Houston, Texas, and Linda Houdyshell of Bowling Green, Ky.; a sister, Agnes Schnelker of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church, 1098 C.R. 39, Waterloo, with Father Dave Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to Masses at the church.

Max Gray

AUBURN — Max Gray, 85, of Auburn died Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Mr. Gray was employed by The Evening Star of Auburn from 1945-1965. He was the co-founder of the Butler Bulletin and its publisher from 1976-1977. He was associated with Farm Bureau Insurance from 1966 to 1976.

He was a 1939 graduate of Angola High School and attended Tri-State College from 1939 to 1941. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1942 and was honorably discharged in December 1945.

He was a former member of the Auburn Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Auburn Elks, the DeKalb County Sheriff's Merit Board, the Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Department, which he served as treasurer, and Butler Rotary Club. He was a life member of the American Legion and a member of the First Christian Church in Auburn.

He was born Aug. 2, 1921, to Leon C. and Pearl (Butz) Gray. They preceded him in death.

He married Betty K. Williams in Angola on Jan. 10, 1942. She died Jan. 28, 1988.

Surviving are two daughters, Diane D. King of Hamilton, Mont., and Carolyn K. Shelton of Auburn; five grandchildren, Chris King, Kelly King, Chad Shelton, Angela Ervin and Aaron Shelton; and four great-grandchildren, Emily Shelton, Elliot Shelton, Isabelle Shelton and Lillian Ervin.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Louis Gray.

There will be no funeral service.

Calling will be Saturday from 4-8 p.m. at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Society.

Ann Garrett

WATERLOO — Ann Garrett, 53, of Waterloo died Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2006, at her home.

Mrs.

Garrett was a former employee of E.S.G. Security Co. in Fort Wayne.



Mrs. Garrett

She was born June 30, 1953, in DeKalb County to Ned and Margaret Ann (Wisner) McIntosh. Her father preceded her in death, and her mother survives in Waterloo.

She married David Michael "Mike" Garrett on Oct. 5, 1985, in Waterloo. He died Oct. 3, 2006.

Also surviving are a son, Jesse Garrett of Auburn; a daughter, MacKenzie Garrett at home; and her mother-in-law and father-in-law, Mary Ann and Otha Garrett of Madison, Ind.

Services will be Sunday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Rex Charles, the Rev. Don White and Jesse Garrett will officiate.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family in care of Jesse Garrett, 922 E. Fifth St., Auburn, IN 46706.

David Whelchel

WATERLOO — David A. Whelchel, 57, of Waterloo died Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Whelchel was a bricklayer and belonged the Bricklayers of Indiana Union.

He was born Nov. 22, 1948, in Amarillo, Texas, to Russell H. and Marie (Blades) Whelchel. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Russell and Vickie Byrd of Logan, N.M.; one granddaughter, Stephanie Byrd; and one stepgrandson, Casey Thompson.

His brother, Russell D. Whelchel, died in Vietnam.

There will be no services or calling. Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Bettie Kurtman

GARRETT — Bettie June Kurtman, 79, of Garrett died Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs.

Kurtman was a homemaker and loved to garden.

Although she never had children of her own, she enjoyed and treasured the time she spent with her great nieces and nephews. She was a member of Souls Harbor Assembly of God Church in Auburn.

She was born June 1, 1927, in Ohio to Joe and Julia (McComas) Rhodes. They preceded her in death.

She married Osman Atilla Kurtman on Oct. 6, 1951, in Angola. He died in 1996.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews including Steven and June Jordan, with whom she lived and who were her caregivers, and Cindy and Michael Schuller, and two sisters, Margaret Terrill of Hicksville, Ohio, and Maxine Olds of Waterloo.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Joe Jr., James and Max Rhodes, and a sister, Luella Strock.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Souls Harbor Assembly of God Church in Auburn. The Rev. David Snodderly will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, Auburn, and Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Alzheimer's research.



Mrs. Kurtman

Erma Amstutz

BUTLER — Erma M Amstutz, 95, of Butler died Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs.

Amstutz was a member of the Butler United Methodist Church and

was active at the Jerusalem Church. She was a volunteer at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, receiving an award for 2,000 hours in 2002. She also did volunteer sewing of small hospital gowns for Riley Hospital for Children at Indianapolis.

She graduated from Butler High School in 1929 and from International Business College in 1931.

She was born Feb. 28, 1911, in rural Butler to Boyd and Flora (Rosenberry) Jennings.

She married Harold L. Amstutz on Jan. 1, 1942, in Butler. He died Nov. 4, 1985.

Surviving are a daughter, Delores "Dee" Howarth of Fremont, and two grandchildren, Tyler A. Howarth and Jaclyn "Jackie" Howarth of Fremont.

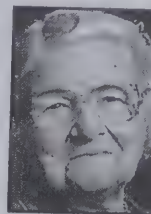
She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, Leland, and a son-in-law, William "Bill" Howarth.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home of Butler, with Pastor Justin Fisher officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Butler United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent at www.hejohnsonfh.com.



Mrs. Amstutz

THE FOLLOWING obituary
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and Louise (Wertzerber) Reed.
They preceded her in death.

She married Bernon E.
Schlink on July 21, 1945, at St.
Patrick's Catholic Church, Fort
Wayne. He survives in Fort
Myers.

Surviving are a son and
daughter-in-law, Philip and
Carie Schlink of Auburn; two

daughters, Catherine Schlink of
Houston, Texas, and Linda
Howdyshell of Bowling Green,
Ky.; a sister, Agnes Schnelker
of Fort Wayne; five grandchil-
dren and six great-grandchil-
dren.

She was preceded in death
by three brothers.

Services will be Monday at
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Catholic Church, 1098 C.R.
39, Waterloo, with Father Dave
Carkenord officiating. Burial
will be in St. Michael's
Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from
2-6 p.m. at the Feller Funeral
Home, 875 S. Wayne St.,
Waterloo.

Memorials are to Masses at
the church.

John Greuter

AUBURN — John M. Greuter, 78, formerly of Auburn, died Friday, Oct. 20, 2006, at 4:29

a.m. at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Greuter was a truck driver for Vulcraft in St. Joe for 18 years, retiring in 1990. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Korean War.

He was born July 28, 1928, in Defiance, Ohio, to Elmer and Pearl (Closson) Greuter. They preceded him in death.

He married Betty Jane Thomas on April 1, 1950, in Michigan. She preceded him in death in 1988.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Roxanne and Larry Williams of Auburn and Alaura and Rod Parrish of Auburn; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Sam and Diane Greuter of Auburn, Joe Greuter of Kendallville and Johnny Greuter of Angola; two brothers, Don Greuter of Waterloo and Delmar Greuter of Butler; four sisters, Jan Harding of New Haven, Joyce Stonebraker of Fort Wayne, Margie Claar of Union City, Mich., and Ellie Fike of Auburn; 17 grandchildren; and 35 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Jennings and Sonny Greuter, and a sister, Dorothy Elser.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Larry Williams officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn, with graveside services by the Garrett posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.



Mr. Greuter

Douglas Compton

AUBURN — Douglas Spyrrrel Compton, 88, of Auburn, died Friday, Oct. 20, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Compton worked in the civil service as an auto mechanic for the Defensive Electronic Supply Center for 25 years, retiring in 1975. He served in the U.S. Army Infantry and excelled in rifle marksmanship.

He was a member of the Blessed Hope Baptist Church in Dayton, Ohio.

He was born in Plummer's Landing, Ky., on May 19, 1918, to Thomas and Martha (Ball) Compton. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Tim McEntee of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Beatrice Rairdon Compton in 1998, his second wife, Rose "Earls" Compton in 2003, a brother, William Compton, and three sisters, Anna Mabel Hall, Ruby Joseph and Jewell Compton.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Tobias Funeral Home, Beavercreek, Ohio, with H.C. O'Bryant officiating.

Burial will be in the Mount Zion Shoup Cemetery at Beavercreek.

Calling will be Thursday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is handling local arrangements.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Monday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association. Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

Ann Kemm

ANGOLA — Ann H. Kemm, 83, of Angola died Thursday, Oct. 19, 2006.

She completed undergraduate work at Depauw University in Greencastle, then graduated from Women's Medical College in Philadelphia. She had retired after 30 years as a pathologist in Middletown, Ohio. She was a member of Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes, Angola.

She was born April 26, 1923, in Garrett to Walter and Mary Rose (Springer) Holsinger. On April 28, 1984, in Florida, she married Theodore F. Kemm, and he preceded her in death on July 13.

Surviving are a nephew and his wife, Sheriff Rick and Margo Lewis of Angola; great-nieces and great-nephews and their spouses, Matt and Amy Lewis and Andy Lewis, all of Angola, and Sara and Bryan Weber of Fremont; and a great-great-niece, Reese Weber of Fremont.

A memorial service will be Sunday at 4 p.m. at Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes in Angola, with the Rev. Thomas E. Smith officiating. Calling will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Condolences can be e-mailed to johnson@bnin.net.



Mrs. Kemm

She lived in baseball's Golden Age

Isabelle Greenwalt
saw every World
Series from '53-'79

BY BILL GISEL

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ASHLEY — Tim Kinder said he and 88-year-old Isabelle Greenwalt were "an odd couple."

Kindler is a second-grade teacher at McKenney-Harrison Elementary School in Auburn and some 50 years younger than Mrs. Greenwalt. They had never met until three years ago, but they immediately hit it off and became fast friends.

Their common bond was baseball.

Kindler is involved with the Northeast Indiana Baseball Hall of Fame and History Center, housed in the Kruse Foundation museums south of Auburn, and Mrs. Greenwalt placed a sizable portion of a collection of baseball memorabilia collected by her and her husband on loan to the museum.

Mrs. Greenwalt, a resident of Ashley, died Sept. 19 after suffering a heart attack while driving her car in Kendallville.

"I could talk baseball with her for hours," Kinder said of Mrs. Greenwalt. "She was amazed at what I knew about baseball from her era — the Golden Age of baseball — and I was amazed to be able to talk to someone who had lived it the way she did."

Mrs. Greenwalt and her late husband, Jim, were both baseball fanatics who were profiled by KPC Media Group publisher Terry Housholder in a story he wrote in October 2000. By then a widow, Mrs. Greenwalt was anticipating yet another World Series.

The Greenwalts had owned and operated the Yankee Trailer Park on Big Long Lake and, as the name implied, their favorite team was the New York Yankees. From 1953 to 1979 they attended every World Series.

"My husband, Jim, was a New York Yankee fan since the age of 7, when his uncle took him to a game in Minnesota where he saw Babe Ruth play," Mrs. Greenwalt said in



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Isabelle Greenwalt is shown with World Series pennants and other memorabilia that she and her husband collected

beginning in 1953. For many years, the Greenwalts owned and operated the Yankee Trailer Park on Big Long Lake.

Housholder's story. "When I married Jim, I thought I had better get interested in baseball or I'd be left out."

The first Series she witnessed was when the Yankees, managed by the legendary Casey Stengel, were once again on top of the world. A young Mickey Mantle and Billy Martin were the heroes of that series.

"That first year, 1953, we drove our trailer to New Jersey, near Rutgers University, parked it and took the subway to Yankee Stadium," said Mrs. Greenwalt. "They always had 3,000 tickets on sale the day of each World Series game, so we spent the night on the streets (in the Bronx) in order to be among the first in line when the tickets went on sale. Someone had a barbecue and cooked us hamburgers. It was a lot of fun."

The Greenwalts followed the same routine nearly every year.

"New York was my favorite city because we also did a lot of sightseeing and went to Broadway plays during our once-a-year vacation at the World Series," said Mrs. Greenwalt.

"We met some of the same people each year at the

ballparks and became good friends with many," she said. "We started a World Series Bugs Club in the early '70s. There were about 16 of us and I was the secretary. We got together each year at the World Series and would go out to dinner together. The club lasted about 10 years. Now most of the members are gone."

After the first couple of years, Mrs. Greenwalt started collecting baseball memorabilia of each World Series the couple attended. The walls of her garage were lined with playoff pennants of many different teams. She also had a collection of World Series tickets, programs, baseballs and autographs of favorite players and managers. Among them are: Mickey Mantle, Yogi Berra, Don Drysdale, Pee Wee Reese, Warren Spahn, Earl Weaver, Jim Rivera, Don Sutton, Steve Garvey, Reggie Jackson, Sparky Anderson, Dick Williams, Walt Alston, Ralph Houk and Tommy Lasorda, Housholder wrote.

Kindler said he always sat with Mrs. Greenwalt at the Northeast Indiana Baseball Hall of Fame yearly banquet, which she attended after

placing much of her memorabilia on loan to the organization. They got together early and stayed late to talk, he said.

"What I read and studied about baseball — she was there!" Kinder explained. "She would just light up, and she said how much she appreciated being able to talk baseball."

One item of special note, Kinder said, is a shawl Mrs. Greenwalt made from baseball game ticket stubs. It is now in a glass case at the museum, along with other items and photographs.

Kindler showed a number of pictures in an album that portrayed Mrs. Greenwalt and her husband with many of the famous baseball personalities of the '50s, '60s and '70s. One she prized in particular was taken of Mrs. Greenwalt with the late baseball announcer Harry Caray, he said.

According to Kinder, the future of Mrs. Greenwalt's collection is uncertain. He would like to see his organization acquire all of her collected items.

Mrs. Greenwalt's survivors are a daughter, Kathleen Greenwalt of South Bend, and a son, Harry Greenwalt of Ashley. Her husband died in 1980.

Ann Kemm

ANGOLA — Ann H. Kemm, 83, of Angola died Thursday, Oct. 19, 2006.

She completed undergraduate work at Depauw University in Greencastle, then graduated from Women's Medical College in Philadelphia. She had retired after 30 years as a pathologist in Middletown, Ohio. She was a member of Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes, Angola.

She was born April 26, 1923, in Garrett to Walter and Mary Rose (Springer) Holsinger. On April 28, 1984, in Florida she married Theodore F. Kemm, and he preceded her in death on July 13. She was in the United States Navy and served during World War II.

Surviving are a nephew and his wife, Sheriff Rick and Margo Lewis of Angola; great-nieces and great-nephews and their spouses, Matt and Amy Lewis and Andy Lewis, all of Angola, and Sara and Bryan Weber of Fremont; and a great-great-niece, Reese Weber of Fremont.

A memorial service will be Sunday at 4 p.m. at Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes in Angola, with the Rev. Thomas E. Smith officiating. Calling will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

Johnson-Hutchson Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Memorials are to the church. Condolences can be e-mailed to johnson@bnin.net.

Max Julian Jr.

ANGOLA — Max Eugene “Gene” Julian Jr., 58, of Angola died Saturday, Oct. 21, 2006, at home.

Mr. Julian was born Oct. 15, 1948, in Angola to

Max E. Julian Sr. and Marilyn

Canfield. He was married to Barbara

Merrifield on Sept. 4, 1971, and she survives.



He was the owner of Tri Angle Earth Moving Inc. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of Angola American Legion Post No. 31. He was a former member of the Angola Volunteer Fire Department.

He enjoyed hunting and the outdoors, scuba diving and was a NASCAR and Indy Racing enthusiast. He was awarded three Bronze Stars, a Purple Heart and a Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Kevin and Allison Julian, Rod and Allison Julian and Ehren Julian and fiancée Bethany Jull, all of Indianapolis; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Michael Julian and Randy and Marla Julian, all of Angola; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Sheryl and Tony Brinkman of Cleves, Ohio and Michelle and Jim Kerr of Indianapolis; two grandchildren, Austin and Addison Julian; and his father in Angola.

He was preceded in death by his stepmother, Audree Julian.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Carleean Merrifield officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola, with graveside services conducted by members of Angola American Legion Post No. 31.

Memorials are to Pancreatic Cancer Research Foundation, PANCAN2141, Rosecrans Ave., Suite 7000, ElSegundo, CA 90245 (donations can also be made at www.PanCAN.com) or the Lance Armstrong Foundation, PO Box 6003, Albert Lea, MN 56007-6603 (for more information call (877) 236-8820).

Stephen Gresham

FORT WAYNE — Stephen Michael "Big Mike" Gresham, 58, of Fort Wayne, died Sunday, Oct. 22, 2006, at Hospice Home.

He was a truck driver, a veteran of the U.S. Navy and a member of American Legion Post 241.

Surviving are his wife, Jane Gresham of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Stephen Jones and Andrea Gresham of Marion; two daughters and sons-in-law, Yulanda and Darrell Schuler of Feesburg, Ohio and Keela and Robert Fritz of Gerogetown, Ohio; four sisters, Etta K. Scott of Fort Wayne, Elaine Barnhardt of Auburn, Dianna Gresham of Fort Wayne and Odetta "Rachel" Saylor of Fort Wayne; and six grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Home for Funerals,

6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Grove Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today and 10-11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Associated Churches Food Bank.

Peggy Sutton

WATERLOO — Peggy Lynn (Bradley) Sutton, 55, of Waterloo died Sunday, Oct. 22, 2006, at 10 a.m. in Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker.

She was born Jan. 18, 1951, in Muncie to Owen M. and Deloris I. (Pierson) Bradley. Her mother survives in Garrett and her father preceded her in death.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Leslie "Keeb" Sutton of Garrett and Jason and Lisa Hatzell of Garrett; three granddaughters, Michelle Leigh Reynolds of Huntington and Jaiden and Jansen Hatzell, both of Garrett; a brother, Kent Bradley of Florida; two sisters, Beth Ann Anderson of Mooresville and Cindy Jo Bradley of Garrett; a companion, Terry Muldaney of Waterloo; three aunts, Arlene Faris and her family, Helen Pierson and her family and Pat Copeland and her sons, all of Dunkirk; and a sister-in-law, Deborahh Bradley and her family of Selma, Ind.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Scott Bradley and Jon A. Bradley.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Paul McFann officiating.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Friday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family. Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

Mabel Walker

FORT WAYNE — Mabel E. Walker, 84, a native and lifetime resident of Fort Wayne, died at Candler Hospital in Savannah, Ga., on Sunday, Oct. 22, 2006.

She was a homemaker and a founding member of Faith Missionary Church.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, James and Judy Walker of Savannah and Harold J. and Yvonne Walker of Aiken, S.C.; a son-in-law, Eugene M. Shirk of Auburn; nine grandchildren including Robert M. Shirk and Kimberly K. Shirk of Auburn; and one great-granddaughter.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Harold A. Walker; and a daughter, Patricia Walker Shirk.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home on Lake Avenue with burial in Prairie Grove Cemetery.

Calling will be from 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Faith Missionary Church, 1613 Grove Avenue, Fort Wayne, IN 46825.

Harold Smith

AUBURN — Harold M. "Smitty" Smith, 77, of Auburn died Sunday, Oct. 22, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn after an extended illness.



Mr. Smith

Formerly a resident of Gaston in Delaware County, Mr. Smith was an avid supporter and longtime volunteer of Wes-Del High School. He was honored with the Fair Play Award, which is given annually to two Indiana residents for volunteer work in Indiana schools.

He served in the National Guard for 10 years, attaining the rank of master sergeant.

He was born Aug. 21, 1929, in Muncie to Allard and Martha (Davis) Smith.

Surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Steve Smith of Los Angeles, Calif., Robert Smith of Bluffton, Timothy and Catherine Smith of Auburn and Mark and Angela Smith of Avilla.; one daughter and son-in-law, Julie and Bo Lutton of Ligonier; nine grandchildren, Steven Keith, Sandra, Chris, Jarid, Heather, Darci Jo, Bo, Brooke, and Cady; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter and his pet dog, Bear.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in Parson Mortuary in Muncie, with the Rev. John Lutton officiating. Burial will follow at Elm Ridge Memorial Park.

Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. at Parson Mortuary.

Online condolences are to www.parsonmortuary.com.

David Batchelder

HUDSON — David L. Batchelder, 60, of Hudson died Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

Mr. Batchelder worked for TFC Canopy Co. in Garrett and formerly was a volunteer firefighter for the Ashley Fire Department.

He was born July 5, 1946, in Millinocket, Maine, to Kenneth and Teresa (Pelkey) Batchelder. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, David P. and Angie Batchelder of Hudson and Scott and Peggy Batchelder of Ashley; one daughter, Christine Keener of Fort Wayne; and eight grandchildren.

The family will gather Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Ashley Masonic Lodge, where a meal will be served in memory of David Batchelder. Family members and friends are invited to attend.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice or Miller's Merry Manor of Garrett.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.



Mr. Batchelder

Charles Young Sr.

BORDEN, Ind. — Charles Guy Young Sr., 68, of Borden died Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006, at 12:08 a.m., at Floyd Memorial Hospital in New Albany.

Mr. Young was a retired district manager for American International General. He had served in the National Guard Reserve.

He was a member of the Borden Community Church, which he served as an elder. He also was a member of Delaware Lodge 96 in Kansas City, Kan., 32nd Degree Mason, Chapter 295 of the Order of Eastern Star, Kansas City, Scottish Rite and Borden Lions Club.

He was born Jan. 22, 1938, in Lawsonville, N.C., to Henry Arthur and Ruth (Tilley) Young. They preceded him in death.

He married Peggy Shepard on May 30, 1959, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Charles Guy Young Jr. and Michele Young of Louisville, Ky.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Debbie and Brian Hurst of Borden and Sonja and Brent Winebrenner of Auburn; a brother, Henry Thomas Young of Knoxville, Tenn.; a sister, Mary Young Singleton of Williamston, N.C.; and seven grandchildren.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. at the Borden Community Church with Brother Ralph Tilley and Brother John Scott officiating. Burial will be in Kraft Graceland Entombment, New Albany.

Calling will be Thursday from 4-8 p.m. at the Hughes-Taylor Funeral Home, 225 W. Main St., Borden, and Friday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

A Masonic service will take place Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Borden Lions Club, in care of New Washington Bank, 430 W. Water St., Borden, IN 47106.

Patrick Zuber

ANGOLA — Patrick Lee Zuber, 44, of Angola died Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006, at home.

Mr. Zuber was born Oct. 3, 1962, in Coldwater, Mich. to James and Eloise (Bingaman) Zuber.



Mr. Zuber

He was formerly employed by the Wal-Mart Distribution Center in Coldwater and SOS Service of Angola. He enjoyed sports. He was a 1981 graduate of Angola High School and a graduate of Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne.

Surviving are a son, Logan Zuber of Waterloo; his former wife, Dee Dee Pankop of Waterloo; his mother in Angola; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Doug and Linda Zuber of Fremont and Tom and Gloria Zuber of Hartland, Mich.; two nieces, Leah Zuber and Alison Fraser; and two nephews, Brent Zuber and Chris Zuber.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Fred Pasche officiating. Calling will be today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to the Logan Zuber Educational Fund in care of First Federal Savings Bank of Angola.

LaDial White

BUTLER — LaDial E. White, 74, of Butler died Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2006, at 7 p.m. in the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home, where she was admitted Oct. 19.

She was born Nov. 10, 1931, in Thorncreek Township of Whitley County to

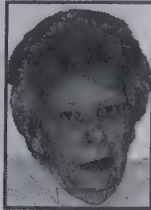
John Franklin and Thelma

Pauline (Bauserman) Hawn. When she was a young girl, her family moved to Larwill. She completed her education at Larwill High School.

On Dec. 19, 1953, she married Arthur D. White. They lived in Columbia City until 1993, when they moved to Butler. Mr. White died Jan. 18, 2006.

Surviving are a four daughters and three sons-in-law, Ronda and Gary Andrews of Butler, Robyn and Greg Ellerman of Rowlett, Texas, RaeAnne Minnix of Butler and ReAnne and Chris Speelman of Paulding, Ohio; two sons and daughters-in-law, Randall and Julie White of Jacksonville, Fla., and Roger and Ginger White of Claypool; 14 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; two sisters, Retha Cluster of Butler and Margaret "Peg" Yoder of Angola; and four brothers, Duane Hawn of Larwill, Derryl Hawn of Garrett, Marion "Manny" Hawn of Rome City and Kerwin "Kirby" Hawn of Hamilton.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Noelys Martin, and a brother, Keith Hawn, in addition to her husband and parents.



Mrs. White

Services will be Saturday at 3 p.m. in Smith & Sons Funeral Home, 207 N. Main St., Columbia City. The Rev. Mike McKinney, pastor of Rome City United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in South Park Cemetery.

Calling will be Saturday from noon to 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a final expense account at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent at www.smithandsonsfuneral-home.com.

Lulu Bell Leathers

KENDALLVILLE — Lulu Bell Leathers, 96, of Butler and formerly of Kendallville and Lawrenceville, Ill., died Thursday, Oct. 26, 2006, at Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

Mrs. Leathers had lived at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville for four years before moving to Laurels of DeKalb in 2004.

She was a homemaker and provided private care to the elderly.

Mrs. Leathers was a member of Free Methodist Church in Lawrenceville.

She was born Oct. 8, 1910, in Lawrenceville to Cassius Plummer and Dora Mae (Duncan) Thompson. She first married Raymond Fry and then married Harvey Leathers, who preceded her in death in 1977.

Surviving are two nephews and their wives, Donald and Karen Crawford of LaOtto and Roger and Phyllis Crawford of Vian, Okla.; and a niece and her husband, Wilma and Lyle Mueller of Mission, Texas.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Bob and Otis Thompson, and a sister, Anna Calhoun in 1984.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) Monday at Lawrenceville City Cemetery in Lawrenceville, Ill., with the Rev. Dr. Leonard King of Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla officiating.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneral-home.com.

Robert Olenyik

AUBURN — Robert J. Olenyik, 78, died Saturday, Oct. 28, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Olenyik formerly lived in Newton, N.C., where he was a member of the First Newton Presbyterian Church. After graduating from high school, he attended Washington University in St. Louis.

He was born Oct. 26, 1928, in St. Louis, Mo., to John and Elizabeth Olenyik. His parents preceded him in death.

He married Janet Olenyik in St. Louis on Nov. 11, 1950. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a son, John R. Olenyik, Torrington, Wyo.; a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Dr. Douglas Morrow, Auburn; and six grandchildren, Matthew, James, Nathan and Andrew Morrow, and Kelly and Chris Olenyik.

A memorial service will be Monday at 6 p.m. at the Auburn Presbyterian Church, Auburn, with the Rev. William Haworth officiating.

Memorials are to the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home, Auburn, is handling arrangements.

Her smile could light up a room

Angie Knauer was devoted mother, daughter, sister, friend

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ANGOLA — On the day Angie Knauer was laid to rest, several mourners saw a pink butterfly soar across the cemetery.

Which doesn't sound very meaningful at first, until her father, Mike Cain, explains it.

"Pink butterflies don't exist around here," Mike said. "They do in South America and some other places, but not here."

Mike realizes the butterfly may not have actually been pink, but may have appeared so because of the lighting or any number of other reasons. But he knows his daughter loved butterflies, and he and his family are positive the pink butterfly was a message from Angie.

"We know she's in heaven; we know she's with the Lord," he said. "That butterfly was affirmation. God provided that pink butterfly."

Angie, 21, died July 14 in an automobile accident. Her family and friends remembered her as a girl who loved to dance, loved the holidays and was fiercely loyal and independent. But the one thing they all kept coming back to was Angie's beaming smile.

"She had that beautiful smile, and she could work it," said Angie's mother, Kathy. "She worked at Geoffrey Bean (at Prime Outlets at Fremont), and I always said she could sell clothes to a nudist."

Angie's older sister, Michelle Young, agreed.

"Her smile," she said softly, "entered a room before she did."

One of Angie's truest joys was being a mother to her 3-year-old daughter, Allie Jane. Angie's family is making it a point to collect every possible memory of Angie and keep them all safe for when Allie is older.

"I'm doing a book," said Michelle. "One of my friends gave me a journal, and I'm writing down every memory, from the good to the bad to the stupid."

Michelle said she knew Angie and Allie were forever bonded mere hours after Allie was born.

"She loved her baby girl so much. You could tell just by the way she looked at her," Michelle said. "She called Allie her dove."

Allie, although she misses her mother, is now bringing comfort to others who loved Angie.

"She'll say, 'Mommy's in heaven and She'd be here if she could,'" Kathy said.

Michelle and Angie were five years apart. Their birthdays were both in April — Michelle's on the 25th and Angie's on the 29th.

"She was my fifth birthday present," Michelle said with a tearful smile.

Angie and Michelle had their sisterly tiffs, but when it came down to it, they were protective and supportive of each other. When Michelle had broken up with a boyfriend several years ago, it was Angie who assured Michelle she was beautiful, worthy and deserved better.

"She said, 'Look at yourself, you're a beautiful girl and you are going to find someone who will treat you like Cinderella,'" Michelle said. "She told me she couldn't wait until that happened, so she could say 'I told you so.'"

Six months later, Michelle met Quentin Young, the man who would become her husband.

"The first time Angie met Quentin, she looked at me, smiled, and said, 'I told you so,'" Michelle said.

Allie will also have the benefit of hours of video footage Mike has shot over the years. Kathy is in the process of getting all the recorded images of family vacations, birthdays and events transferred to DVD.

"We used to make fun of Dad because he always had the video camera," Michelle said. "Now we're like, 'Oh my gosh, thank-you so much.'"

Angie, though small in stature, had a soft spot in her heart for those who were gentle and downtrodden.

"She was always concerned about the underdog," Mike said.

Concerned enough that she was never afraid to stand up for them when the situation warranted it.

"She must have been in second grade, and she weighed all of 50 pounds," Michelle said. "These big boys — they were probably in middle school — were picking on this little boy who lived a couple of doors down from us. She went right up to them, pointed in their faces, and told them they'd better stop picking on him."

Angie became a hero to the boy she defended, and when she passed away that boy, now a grown man, made a contribution to Allie's education fund.

One of Angie's best friends was her ex-husband, Greg Knauer. The two met when they were both students at Angola High School. They were married for a brief time,



Greg and Angie Knauer hold their daughter, Allie, during a wedding reception two years ago. Angie, who passed away July 14, and Greg remained close friends even after they divorced.

and Greg is Allie's father.

"One of the things I loved most about her was her sense of humor," Greg said, smiling at the memory. "She had one of the best."

Angie loved holidays, especially Christmas and Easter. She always made a big production of things, buying Allie themed outfits and shopping for gifts well in advance.

"In her closet, we found two shirts that my husband had liked at Geoffrey Beene and the cologne he'd just been griping about being out of," Michelle said. "We have no doubt that those were Angie's Christmas presents for him."

The holidays this year will be bittersweet for Angie's family.

"The holidays will be difficult without her," Mike said.

Greg remembered Angie as athletic. She loved to play soccer, which she did for Angola High School. She was also a cheerleader and a gymnast and played softball.

"Playing church softball with her was a special memory for me," Mike said. "She had always played when she was younger, but on the church team we were playing together."

Angie also loved tennis

(she was ambidextrous, and Michelle said she had "no backhand, just two forehands") and ping-pong, and was very skilled at both. Michelle said Quentin, to whom Angie was very close, used to say Angie was "the only girl he wasn't ashamed to get beaten by."

As fearless as she was (she snuck away from her parents when she was 5 years old to go off the high-dive at the Tri-State University swimming pool), Angie had a horrible aversion to two things: snakes and spiders.

"Her dad let her watch 'Arachnophobia,' and she didn't sleep under the covers for two years," Kathy said.

Fear of spiders was something Angie and Michelle shared.

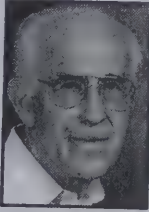
"We never went to bed without doing spider checks," Michelle said.

Lest anyone say that Angie's family and friends wore rose-colored glasses as far as Angie was concerned, Kathy quashed the notion. Angie was 21 years old, and she went through her rough patches and rebellions just like everyone else.

"She was a wonderful girl, and we loved her and we miss her," Kathy said with a grin. "But she wasn't perfect."

Donald Goings

ROME CITY — Donald L. Goings, 88, of Rome City died at 1:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, 2006, in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.



Mr. Goings

Mr. Goings had retired in 1981 from East Noble

School Corp. following 36 years in education. He had taught agriculture and related sciences at Wawaka, Laketon and Rome City.

He had lived in Rome City since 1951.

Mr. Goings was a charter and 50-year member of the Rome City Lions Club. He was a Noble County 4-H leader for more than 50 years and a founder of the Helping Hands 4-H Club in Orange Township.

He received the Sagamore of the Wabash award in 2000.

Mr. Goings served as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army artillery division during World War II.

He was a member of the Rome City American Legion Post and the Retired Teachers Noble Chapter.

Mr. Goings was an active member of Rome City United Methodist Church and Emmaus Community.

He was born Feb. 21, 1918, in Spencerville to William F. and Margaret R. (Essig) Goings. He married Nellie Lower on Oct. 15, 1942, at Wawaka Methodist Church. She died Jan. 7, 1999.

Surviving are a daughter, Gloria Zimmer of Bozeman, Mont.; a sister, Ruth Ann Tester of Auburn; two brothers, James Goings of Philadelphia, Pa., and John Goings of Fort Wayne; a daughter-in-law, Donna Goings of Anderson; four grandchildren, Kurt Goings of Vancouver, Wash., Anna and Bryon Wolfe of Raytown, Mo., Shannon and Scott Tibbs of Bloomington and Sherri Goings of Lansing, Mich.; and three great-grandchildren, Harrison, Charles and Philip Wolfe.

He was preceded in death by a son, Rob Goings.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Rome City United Methodist Church with Pastor Mike McKinney officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to Gideon's International, Rome City United Methodist Church or the charity of the donor's choice.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Sally Gramelspacher

LAPORTE — Sally A.

"Sam" Morningstar Gramelspacher, 52, of LaPorte, died Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2006, at her home in LaPorte.

She was a native of Fort Wayne and a homemaker. She graduated from South Side High School in 1972.

Surviving are a son, Brandon Dinse of Fort Wayne; her parents, Sarah Morningstar of New Haven and William Morningstar of Auburn; a sister, Debra J. Koontz of Fort Wayne; a brother, David Morningstar of Woodburn; a grandson; and several nieces and nephews.

Her husband, Jerry, died in October 2005.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with the Rev. Bradford Payne officiating.

Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Calvary Tabernacle of Three Oaks, Mich. ↓

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is
being republished to provide
additional information.

Charles Ehrlich

CROOKED LAKE —
Charles L. Ehrlich, 69, of
Crooked Lake, died Friday, Oct.
27, 2006, at Cameron
Memorial Community Hospital
in Angola.

Mr. Ehrlich was born in
Brazil, Ind., on May 4, 1937,
to Lewis S. and Helena J.
(Hann) Ehrlich. He was
married to Evelyn Ann
Lawrence on Nov. 3, 1957, in
Brazil, and she survives.

He was a veteran of the U.S.
Air Force. He was a truck
driver for Consolidated Freight-
ways in Fremont. He was a
member of Local Teamsters
Union 414 and the Angola
United Methodist Church.

Also surviving are a son and
daughter-in-law, Charles L. and
Dawndi Ehrlich of Auburn;
two daughters and sons-in-law,
Joyce A. and Sam Kramer of
Bloomington and Jenny L. and
Doug Stukey of Fremont; and
seven grandchildren, Joshua
Goliff of Angola, Adam, Ben,
Sammy and Spencer Stukey of
Fremont and Halie and Lucas
Ehrlich of Auburn.

He was preceded in death
by his parents.

Services will be at 10:30
a.m. Saturday at Angola United
Methodist Church. There will
be no calling.

Arrangements are being
handled by H.E. Johnson &
Sons Funeral Home, Angola.

Condolences can be left at
www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Ninabelle McDonald

KENDALLVILLE —
Ninabelle McDonald, 90, of
Kendallville died Monday, Oct.
30, 2006, at Parkview Noble
Hospital in Kendallville.

On May 31, 1916, she was
born in Garrett to Frank and
Nora Pence. She married Otto
McDonald on Dec. 12, 1940,
in Defiance, Ohio. He
preceded her in death on July
2, 1979.

Mrs. McDonald was a
homemaker and member of
Faith United Methodist Church
in Kendallville. She enjoyed
spending time with family and
her grandchildren, crafts and
eating out.

Surviving are a daughter,
Joyce Beverly of Kendall-
ville; three grandchildren,
Debra and Kenneth Scott, and
James Beverly and David
Beverly, all of Kendallville;
two great-grandchildren,
Brandon and Sabrina Scott,
U.S. Coast Guard, SK3,
stationed in New Orleans, and
Heather Scott, Kendallville;
two great-great-grandchild-
ren, Jared and Madelyn
Scott; a sister, Florede Clark
of Auburn; and several nieces
and nephews.

In addition to her husband
and parents, four sisters and a
brother preceded her in death.

Services will be Sunday at
2 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home
in Kendallville with the Rev.
Scott Shoaff officiating. Burial
will be in Lake View
Cemetery, Kendallville.
Casketbearers will be James
and David Beverly and
Brandon and Kenneth Scott.

Calling will be from 2 to 4
and 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the
funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to
the family at [www.hitefuneral-
home.com](http://www.hitefuneral-home.com).

Esther Applegate

HICKSVILLE, Ohio —
Esther L. Applegate, 97, of
Hicksville, Ohio, died
Monday evening, Oct. 30,
2006, at the Laurels of
DeKalb nursing home in
Butler.

Mrs. Applegate was a
homemaker and a member of
the Coburn Corners Church of
Christ.

She was born Oct. 24,
1909, in Franklin to Albert
and Jesse Ward. They
preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son, Carl
Wynkoop of Grant, Mich., a
daughter, Carol Jones of
Thermopolis, Wyo.; and
several grandchildren, great-
grandchildren and great-great-
grandchildren.

She was preceded in death
by her first husband, Arlo
Wynkoop; her second
husband, Jay Applegate; four
sisters, Helen Emenhiser,
Audra Holtzworth, Anna
Myers and Donna Wilmot;
and two brothers, Dale and
Robert Ward.

Services will be Friday at
11 a.m. in Carnahan-
Baidinger & Walter Funeral
Home, 6992 S.R. 1,
Spencerville. Burial will be in
Woodlawn Cemetery of
Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday
from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at the
funeral home.

Memorials are to the
Laurels of DeKalb, 520 W.
Liberty St., Butler, IN 46721.

Lisa Santucci

WATERLOO — Lisa K. Santucci, 39, of Waterloo, died Friday, Oct. 27, 2006, at 6:08 p.m.

She was born Aug. 24, 1967, in Chicago to Vincent Santucci and Florence (Hayden). Her father preceded her in death.

Surviving are her mother, Florence Olmos of New Haven; two sisters, Bernadette Olmos of St. Paul, Minn., and Jennifer Castellano of Midlothian, Ill.; a brother, Russell Olmos of Chicago; her fiancé, Richard Ruiz of Waterloo; a son, Jimmy Fernandez of Chicago; and two daughters, Angel and Samantha Santucci-Ruiz of Waterloo.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at Advantage Funeral & Cremation Services, 2403 Wallen Road, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Thursday from 1-4 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Esther Applegate

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Esther L. Applegate, 97, of Hicksville, Ohio, died Monday evening, Oct. 30, 2006, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Applegate was a homemaker and a member of the Coburn Corners Church of Christ.

She was born Oct. 24, 1909, in Franklin to Albert and Jesse Ward. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son, Carl Wynkoop of Grant, Mich., a daughter, Carol Jones of Thermopolis, Wyo.; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Arlo Wynkoop; her second husband, Jay Applegate; a daughter, Helen Emenhiser; three sisters, Audra Holtzworth, Anna Myers and Donna Wilmot; and two brothers, Dale and Robert Ward.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, 6992 S.R. 1, Spencerville. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Laurels of DeKalb, 520 W. Liberty St., Butler, IN 46721, and Coburn Corners Church of Christ, 6813 C.R. 64, St. Joe, IN 46785.

Lorraine Richardson

GARRETT — Lorraine A. Richardson, 61, of Garrett died Friday, Nov. 3, 2006, at 7 a.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Richardson was a housekeeper at Montrose General Hospital in Pennsylvania for 11 years, retiring in 2001. She was a member of the Fort Wayne American Legion

Post 47 Auxiliary.

She was born Oct. 12, 1945, in Montrose, Pa., to Albert L. and Anna M. (Ney) Tingley. They preceded her in death.

She married Mark E. Richardson Jr. on Nov. 16, 1963, in Montrose. He died March 18, 2005.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Mark A. and Tegan Richardson of Brighton, Tenn.; a daughter and son-in-law, Joana M. and David Goddard of Avilla; a sister, Evelyn Foster of Montrose; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Albert James Tingley.

A gathering of friends and family will be Monday from 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Pasco Shadle

BUTLER — Pasco H. Shadle, 69, of Butler died

Friday, Nov. 3, 2006, at 12:30 a.m. at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Shadle worked in production for Wayne Equipment for 23 years, retiring in 1989.

He was born Oct. 1, 1937, in New Haven to Hugh and Velma (Sturn) Shadle. They preceded him in death.

On April 19, 1963, in New Haven, he married Nancy M. Fark. She survives in Butler.

Also surviving are a stepdaughter and her husband, Connie and Ron Hollinger of Butler; two brothers, Paul Shadle of Fort Wayne and Raymond Shadle of New Haven; and four sisters, Doris Cox, Alice Hetrick and Deanna Heley, all of Fort Wayne, and Phyllis Brown of Florida.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Nick Shadle and Dennis Shadle; a brother, Don Shadle; and a stepdaughter, Bonnie Lou Fark.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with the Rev. David Mix officiating. Burial will be in the Odd Fellows Cemetery at New Haven.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 at the funeral home.

Memorials are to RISE Inc. of Angola.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

Carl Farmer

BUTLER — Carl W. Farmer, 89, of Butler died Friday, Nov. 3, 2006, at Fairlawn Haven in Archbold, Ohio.

Mr. Farmer was a Richland Township farmer, retiring in 1983. He was a member of Forrest Lutheran Church in Silver Springs, Fla.

He was born March 23, 1917, in Hicksville, Ohio, to William A. and Rosemary (Hefty) Farmer. They preceded him in death.

On Sept. 11, 1938, in Garrett he married Velma Diederich. She died July 1, 2001.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, the Rev. Bill and Donna Farmer of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Rosalie and Leslie Rosebrock of Mark Center, Ohio; three grandchildren and their spouses, Annette Rosebrock of Ann Arbor, Mich., Randy and Joni Rosebrock of Hicksville, Ohio, and Neil and Robyn Farmer of Fort Wayne; and four great-grandchildren, Allie Rosebrock, Zachary Rosebrock, Ethan Rosebrock and Rachel Farmer.

A grandson, Steve Farmer, preceded him in death.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. and Monday from 10-11 a.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steve Farmer Scholarship Fund, in care of Neil Farmer, 9333 Covington Woods Court, Fort Wayne IN 46804.

Brenda Scarrow

SPENCERVILLE —

Brenda S. Medcalf Scarrow, 48, of Spencerville, died Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She was born Aug. 22, 1958, in Anna, Ill. She was a member of the Butler Eagles.

Surviving are her mother, Annette Medcalf of Fort Wayne; four sisters, Debra Medcalf Resor of Auburn, Sharon Medcalf Branch of Hickory, N.C., Carla Medcalf Meyer of Hohenwald, Tenn., and Melissa Medcalf Lovette of Thomasville, N.C.; seven nieces and nephews; and four great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Elbert Medcalf.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in the Leo Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2-5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Donald Ford

WATERLOO — Donald Dean Ford, 79, died Saturday, Nov. 4, 2006, at his Waterloo home.



Mr. Ford

He was a retired employee from Dana Corp.

He was born Sept. 28, 1927, in Waterloo to Rollie and Cladie (Fee)

Ford.

On Oct. 1, 1949 he married Thresa Richter in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Dave and Trish Ford of Angola, and Tom and Lisa Ford of Indianapolis; a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Frank Nine of Fort Wayne; 14 grandchildren; and one great grandson.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Steve Ford; a daughter, Louise Ford; and two brothers, Todd and Shelda Ford.

Visitation will be Monday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo with the Rev. Dave Carkenord officiating. Burial will be at St. Michaels Catholic Cemetery in Waterloo.

Memorials may be directed to St. Michaels Catholic Church or the American Cancer Society.

Feller Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Retired teacher was 'Giver of Gifts'

Mr. Walrich served needy at home and nationwide

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KENDALLVILLE

Glenn Walrich of Kendallville never aspired to be a school administrator, even though he was devoted to two Illinois schools during his 31-year career.

"I don't want to discipline kids. I want to teach them," he told his wife, Marilyn, whom he recruited to a kindergarten teaching position in Gibson City, Ill. He taught the fifth and sixth grades and established good memories for countless students.

"I still get remembrances and cards from children he taught," his wife said Friday, nearly a month after her husband's death on Oct. 26.

"He was a master teacher, and he had a lot of student-teachers over the years," Mrs. Walrich said. Her husband loved the outdoors and outdoor teaching, and took carloads of students into Chicago to visit museums, she said.

"He was heralded as a model teacher, living out practiced applications of life's vital lessons," commented the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker, Mr. Walrich's pastor and close friend.

While many people look forward to taking life easy after retirement, Mr. Walrich did not.

"Glenn was tireless; he had the energy level of a dynamo," his wife said with pride and awe. "He always left me sweating in the dust!"

The Walriches moved to Noble County some 18 years ago, choosing to be close to Mrs. Walrich's sister.

"We wanted to be around family," Mrs. Walrich said,



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Glenn and Marilyn Walrich of Kendallville visit a Hispanic church construction site in San Marco, Texas. Mission work took the

couple all over the country, but especially to Appalachia. Mr. Walrich died Oct. 26 after battling cancer for one year.

with easy travel to the homes of their two sons, Allen of Brownsburg and Dirk of Grayslake, Ill.

Mr. Walrich was active in the United Methodist Church's Appalachia Service Project, and with his wife served on its board of directors. He volunteered with the church's national UMCOR relief agency.

He participated in building the first Habitat for Humanity home in eastern Noble County, encouraging others to experience the joy of serving, Barker said. In his own Trinity Church United Methodist, Mr. Walrich and his wife organized and promoted a "Great Coat and Mitten give-a-way" day which went on to provide "thousands of pieces of head-to-toe winter wear for children and adults who otherwise would have gone without," Barker said.

Mr. Walrich was instru-

mental in beginning the Salvation Army Christmas kettle drive, raising tens of thousands of dollars, Barker added.

About 14 years ago, Barker said, Mr. Walrich helped the church's Faith in Action team create a furniture bank, which would provide families throughout the county and surrounding areas with beds, furniture, appliances and other household items for the needy.

In 1995, Mr. Walrich was instrumental in forming Common Grace of Noble County, a church social services ministry supported by congregations from all over the area.

"He was a constant source of inspiration and support to all who have participated in its work," Barker said. He called Mr. Walrich's work "as consistent as the changes of the seasons of the year."

Mrs. Walrich said her husband believed, "No one is

not useful; it only takes a willing spirit" to be able to serve humanity.

Barker said in a remembrance of his friend: "His giving of time and energies has been exceeded only by the enormity of his sensitive goodness. A gesture of gratitude for his unselfish service to others was shared when he was named as one of the first 'Giver of Gifts' by the Noble County Community Foundation."

Mrs. Walrich said her husband would not be impressed by all the fuss made over his accomplishments. He was, she said, a happy man — "a happy whistler."

She said she is fortunate to have married her husband. They enjoyed being together.

"It didn't matter if it was taking out the garbage, or going off on a trip to Scotland," she said. "Now, there is a terrible void in my life."

Gale Gafken

AUBURN — Gale W. Gafken, 83, died Sunday, Nov. 5, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Gafken was a skilled carpenter, owning and operating Gafken Construction. He was a World War II veteran, serving in the Army Air Force.



Mr. Gafken

He was a founding member of Bible Baptist Church, which is now Lakewood Park Baptist Church, and served the church as a deacon and on a number of building committees. He was a member of Gideons International.

A 1942 graduate of Auburn High School, he served on the board of directors of the DeKalb High School building trades program.

He was born April 15, 1923, in Waterloo to William and Bessie (Crooks) Gafken. They preceded him in death.

He married Betty James on Aug. 22, 1945, in Garrett. She died Aug. 20, 1983.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Roger and Becky Gafken of Fayetteville, N.C., Dr. David Gafken and Janet Gafken of Auburn and Dr. James Gafken and Domnita Gafken of Brownwood, Texas; a daughter and son-in-law, Jewell and William LaBrash of Fort Wayne; 16 grandchildren and their spouses, Nathan and Tabitha Gafken, Rachel and Duncan Edge, Charity and Bobby Burkett, Andrew

Gafken, Joshua Gafken, Nicole and Bruce Westendorf, Britney and Jake Brellenthin, Lucas Gafken, Olivia and Luke Ice, Courtni Gafken, Ashley Gafken, Adam Gafken, Danielle Gafken, Michelle Gafken, Philip LaBrash and Nicholas LaBrash; 10 great-grandchildren; and brothers and sisters-in-law, Ardella and Dean Wing and George James.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Galord and Glen Gafken, and three sisters, Donas Seifert and twins Betty and Bessie, who died a month after they were born.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Lakewood Park Baptist Church of Auburn. The Rev. Wayne Smith will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Lakewood Park Baptist Church or Gideons International.

James Boggs

KENDALLVILLE — James Boggs, 67, of Kendallville died Saturday, Nov. 4, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Boggs retired in 1994 after 10 years of service at Quick Tanks in Kendallville. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1954-1958.

He was a member of Community Baptist Church in Wolcottville.

Mr. Boggs enjoyed searching for antiques at garage sales, yard work and traveling with his companion.

He was born Nov. 26, 1938, in Emmalena, Ky., to Carlos and Ethel (Martin) Boggs. He married Anna Lee Stanley on Sept. 13, 1966, in Kendallville. She preceded him in death on May 21, 1996.

Surviving are a son, Jim Boggs of Kendallville; a stepson, Phil Patton of Indianapolis; a stepdaughter, Betty Grady of LaOtto; four grandchildren, Stephanie and Joe Shepherd of Waterloo, Jimmy Wicker of Avilla, Travis Grady of Rome City, and Jessica Patton of Elkhart; six great-grandchildren; and his companion, Helen Settles of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Ivan and Willis Boggs; and a sister, Glenna Stanko.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Lee Combs officiating.

Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City. Pallbearers will be James Boggs, Travis Grady, Jimmy Wicker, Joe Shepherd, Ken Wallace and Jason Wallace.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneral-home.com.

Kathryn Angel

FORT WAYNE — Kathryn N. Angel, 84, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Nov. 6, 2006, at 3:40 a.m.

Surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, John P. Angel of Dallas, Texas, Joseph A. and Linda Angel of Fremont, Kenneth and Cynthia Angel of Columbia City and Steven M. and Sherri Angel of Fremont; a daughter and son-in-law, Rose M. and David Matherly of St. Joe; five grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas E. Angel Jr., two brothers and one sister.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St.

Memorials are to Masses or to the Precious Blood Rosary Society.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is being republished with revised information.

Larry Parr

BUTLER — Larry Alan Parr, 41, of Butler died Monday, Nov. 6, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was a member of the Lamb of God Mennonite Church in Butler.

He was born Sept. 1, 1965, in Kendallville.

Surviving are his mother and stepfather, Caroline Elizabeth (Bunch) and Russell Krieger of Kendallville; his father and stepmother, Lauren LeVon and Carol Ann Parr of LaOtto; a brother, Lauren Lee Parr Sr. of Kendallville; a stepbrother and his wife, Mark Alan and Becky Krieger of South Milford; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Penny Sue and Michael Elston of Muncie, Jacqueline June Frain of Kendallville and Stacey Dawn and Robert "Bob" Sweet of Garrett; a stepsister and her husband, Vickie and Gary Rifenburg of Hudson; and his nieces and nephews, Brittany Parr, Lauren Lee Parr Jr., Heather Elston, Lauren Elizabeth Elston and Dayton Sweet.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Pastor Denny Eicher will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling will be Thursday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Helene Gramling

AUBURN — Helene Sophia Gramling, 88, died Monday, Nov. 6, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Born in Ashley, she retired from Essex Wire Corp. in 1980. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn, where she taught Sunday school for 17 years. She was an active woman who loved children, animals, shopping and spending time outdoors.



Mrs. Gramling

Surviving are two sons, John Gramling and Robert Gramling, both of Auburn; four granddaughters and their husbands, Sue and Steve Metzler of Bradenton, Fla., Sheri and Willie Crager of Waterloo, Amy and Bobby Becker of Kendallville and Melissa Dawson of Angola; three grandsons and a granddaughter-in-law, Bryan and Peggy Gramling of Woodburn, Jeff Shire of Ashley and Scott Gramling of Angola; 21 great-grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren; a sister, Martha Crager of Fort Wayne, and a niece, Linda Simanton of Texas.

Services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1801 N. Main St., Auburn. Pastor Lloyd Bickel will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Friday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Trinity Lutheran Church.

Lorna Knisely

FREMONT — Lorna Mae Knisely, 78, of Fremont died Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2006, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Knisely was born March 29, 1928, in Auburn to William and Velma (Fee) Keyes. She was married to Robert B. Knisely on Oct. 16, 1948, in Fremont. He preceded her in death on April 28, 1993.

She retired after 18 years at Simpson Industries (Metaldyne) in Fremont. She was a 1947 graduate of Fremont High School.

She was a member of the Fremont United Methodist Church, where she was served as a Sunday school teacher and a member of the choir for over 30 years. She was also a volunteer at Fremont Elementary School for many years.

Her hobbies included reading, baseball and college basketball, especially Purdue University. She was a NASCAR fan, and her favorite driver was Dale Earnhardt Sr.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Lorie Knisely of Fremont; a daughter, Lisa Knisely of Hamilton; five grandchildren, Melanie and Tim Constantino, Robin Knisely, Mitchell Knisely, Stephan Fetzer and Austin Fetzer; a sister and brother-in-law, June and Kenny Crandall of Fremont; a brother and sister-in-law, Worden "Bud" and Betty Keyes of Fremont; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Keith Olson officiating.

Calling will be Friday from 4 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to Dollars for Scholars at Fremont Community Schools or Fremont United Methodist Church.

Condolences can be left online at www.beamsfuneral-home.com.

Larry Parr

BUTLER — Larry Alan Parr, 41, of Butler died Monday, Nov. 6, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was a member of the Lamb of God Mennonite Church in Butler.

He was born Sept. 1, 1965, in Kendallville

Surviving are his mother and stepfather, Caroline Elizabeth (Bunch) and Russell Krieger of Kendallville; his father and stepmother, Lauren LeVon and Carol H. Parr of LaOtto; a brother, Lauren Lee Parr Sr. of Kendallville; a stepbrother and his wife, Mark Alan and Becky Krieger of South Milford; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Penny Sue and Michael Elston of Muncie, Jacqueline June Frain of Kendallville and Stacey Dawn and Robert Sweet of Garrett; a stepsister and her husband, Vickie and Gary Rifenburg of Hudson; and his nieces and nephews, Brittany Parr, Lauren Lee Parr Jr., Heather Elston, Lauren Elizabeth Elston and Payton Sweet.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Pastor Denny Eicher will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling will be Thursday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Kenneth Mattlin II

WATERLOO — Kenneth L. Mattlin II, 38, of Waterloo died Monday, Nov. 6, 2006, at his home.

He was born Oct. 19, 1968, in Champaign, Ill., to Kenneth L. and Dolores M. (Kenner) Mattlin. His father preceded him in death. His mother survives in Waterloo.

Also surviving are two sisters and brothers-in-law, Candi and Bill Scott and Pam and Gary Carr, all of Garrett; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Kent and Fran Leathers of Grand Marsh, Wis., and Mikeal and Dawn Leathers of Portage, Wis.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Billy Mattlin and Larry Leathers.

No services or calling are planned. Burial will be in Monticello Township Cemetery in Monticello, Ill.

Memorials are to the Indian Village Church of God, 602 Erie Pass, Auburn.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Paul Jennings

AUBURN — Paul Eugene Jennings, 88, of Auburn, died Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Jennings was a farmer in Wilmington Township. He worked at the Auburn Rubber Co. and was a supervisor at Cooper Industrial Products, retiring in 1984 after 24 years of service.



Mr. Jennings

He was a World War II veteran, serving in the Army Air Corps, and was a life member of the Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion Post 97 in Auburn.

He was a member of Auburn Moose Lodge 566, where he held every degree of the lodge including The Pilgrim's Degree.

He was born July 6, 1918, in Butler to Russell L. and Ruby H. (Platt) Jennings. They preceded him in death.

He married Joyce Warren on July 14, 1945, in Lime Ridge, Wis. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Roger and Beverly Jennings of Wilmore, Ky., Ronald Jennings

of Tucson, Ariz., Rodrick and Pamela Jennings of Romeoville, Ill., and Rex Jennings of Romeoville, Ill.; a daughter and son-in-law, Roseanne and Kevin Fahlsing of Avilla; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Kenneth and Phyllis Jennings of Edgerton, Ohio; and three sisters, Maxine Sanders and Margaret Sanders, both of Edgerton, Ohio, and Wilma Jean Armstrong of Butler.

Theresa Anthony

AUBURN — Theresa L. Anthony, 40, of Auburn, died Thursday, Nov. 9, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a 1985 graduate of DeKalb High School and a member of the First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ.

She was born July 31, 1966, in Angola.

Surviving are her father, Gerald Anthony of Auburn; her mother and stepfather, Judy A. (Egley) and Warren Kruger of Auburn; and a sister, Tammy K. Anthony of Logansport.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Wayne St., Auburn. Dr. Robert Craig will officiate. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery at Hamilton.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

He was preceded in death by two grandchildren, Amelia Anne Jennings and Dawn Marie Fahlsing; a brother, Richard Jennings; and a sister, Evelyn Gift.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will be in Farnam Cemetery at Edgerton, Ohio, with military graveside services by American Legion Post 97.

Calling will be today from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. The Moose Lodge will conduct a Pilgrim Ceremony at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to Mooseheart.

Kevin Wait

CHURUBUSCO — Kevin Eric Wait, 43, of Churubusco died unexpectedly Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Wait had been working in construction and had previously worked for Hitech Corp., Kilgore



Mr. Wait

Manufacturing, Dexter Axle and Auburn Foundry as a machinist and CNC lathe operator.

He was a 1981 graduate of Columbia City Joint High School.

Mr. Wait loved sports and outdoor activities, especially fishing.

He was born March 28, 1963, in Columbia City to Roger and Ruth (Gilbert) Wait. His mother, Ruth Wait, survives in Churubusco and his father and stepmother, Roger and Inara Wait, survive in Columbia City.

Also surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, Mike and Tina Wait of Albion; a sister and brother-in-law, Carol and Rick Price of Etna Green; a half brother, Erik Wait of Dallas, Texas; a half sister, Kristin Wait of Dallas; four nephews, James Gibson of Etna Green, Corey Wait and Cody Wait, both of Albion and Ethan Wait of Dallas; and a niece, Jennifer Gibson of Etna Green.

There are no services or calling.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Sheets & Childs Funeral

Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

John Monchilov

BUTLER — John E. Monchilov, 58, died Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Monchilov was a graduate of Ferris State University with a degree in business administration. He was the owner of Superior Manufacturing, a maker of marketing displays for businesses.

**Mr. Monchilov**

He was a lifetime member of Pyrotechnic Guild International and the American Conifer Society. He was an avid gardener and enjoyed his bulldog, Dozer.

He was born Sept. 12, 1948, in Caro, Mich., to John and Emma (Spencer) Monchilov. They preceded him in death.

He married Victoria Maude Nagie on May, 6, 1972, in Reese, Mich. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Jason, and his fiancée, Melissa Spicer, of Hamilton; two daughters, Jennifer Rao and Kimberly Gilliam, both of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Rick Monchilov of Fairgrove, Mich., and Ronald Monchilov of Fenton, Mich.; and six grandchildren, Eric, Micheala, Olivia, Michael, Taylor and Logan.

Services will be Saturday at 3 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home at Butler. Pastor

Richard Woolever will officiate.

Calling will be Saturday from 1-3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Kathleen Roehm

AVILLA — Kathleen A. (Moriarty) Roehm, 76, died Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Born in Willard, Ohio, she retired from Cooper Tire and Rubber Co. in 1995. She was a member of New Life Ministries in Garrett and was a 1948 graduate of Willard High School.

**Mrs. Roehm**

Surviving are two sons, Stephen J. Roehm of Kendallville and Michael R. Roehm of Garrett; two daughters, Betty K. Stewart of Garrett and Lisa K. Horvath of South Bend; and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William V. and Helen M. (Griffin) Moriarty, and a brother, Robert Moriarty.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Saturday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home or a charity of the donor's choice.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is being republished to include service times.

Helene Gramling

AUBURN — Helene Sophia Gramling, 88, died Monday, Nov. 6, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Born in Ashley to Bertha and Herman Krueger, she retired from Essex Wire Corp. in 1980. She

was a member of Trinity Lutheran

Church in Auburn, where she taught Sunday school for 17 years.

She was an active woman who loved children, animals, shopping and spending time outdoors.

Surviving are two sons, John Gramling and Robert Gramling, both of Auburn; four granddaughters and their husbands, Sue and Steve Metzler of Bradenton, Fla., Sheri and Willie Crager of Waterloo, Amy and Bobby Becker of Kendallville and Melissa Pawson of Angola; three grandsons and a granddaughter-in-law, Bryan and Peggy Gramling of Woodburn, Jeff Shire of Ashley and Scott Gramling of Angola; 21 great-grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren; a sister, Martha Krueger of Fort Wayne, and a niece, Linda Simanton of Texas.

Services were today at 10:30 a.m. in Trinity Lutheran Church, 1801 N. Main St., Auburn. Pastor Lloyd Bickel officiated. Burial was in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorials are to Trinity Lutheran Church.

**Mrs. Gramling**

'That's who Matt was'

Father remembers son with love, pride

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND

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ANGOLA — Matt Hayward was only 18 years old, but he had big plans.

The Prairie Heights High School senior wanted a career in the military. And to prepare for that, he signed up for the Army National Guard in August 2005 — when he was 17.

"He brought the papers to his mother and I ... we had to sign them because he could be put in harm's way and he was a minor," said Matt's father, Michael Hayward. "I told him I didn't know if I wanted to sign it. He was going to be 18 that May, and he said, 'Well, Dad, in May you won't have to.' I knew then that this was a kid who knew what he wanted to do. That's who Matt was."

But Matt never got to pursue his dream. The teen took automotive classes in Fremont during the morning hours, then would stop at home in Flint for lunch and go on to afternoon classes at Prairie Heights. On Oct. 18, Matt missed a stop sign at C.R. 350N and C.R. 800W coming home from Fremont. His vehicle was struck by another vehicle, and Matt was killed.

The Hayward family has been awestruck by the outpouring of support they have received from the community.

"It's been unbelievable to me," Michael said.

Michael has taken comfort in other people's memories of

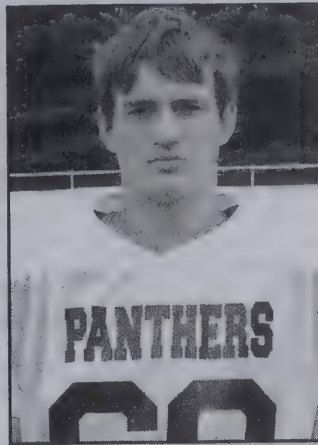


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Prairie Heights High School senior Matt Hayward.

his son.

"People have told me stories about Matt that I didn't know, and I'm glad I do now," he said. "It really helps to know that he touched so many people in his 18 years."

Michael said he will always remember his son's infectious grin.

"He always had it," he said. "He never didn't have a smile for somebody."

Matt had worked at the Angola Rural King store for two years.

"He was a very mature kid," Michael said. "He knew what he wanted to do, and he was doing it."

Matt had been a member of the Prairie Heights Panthers football team, but an injury sustained in a car accident last fall took him off the field.

"He broke his femur," Michael said.

Nevertheless, Matt's teammates still considered him one of them. After Matt's funeral service, some of the PH football players presented Michael with the game ball from their last game.

"They wanted me to know that Matt was still part of the team," Michael said, his voice breaking.

Matt's injury may have prevented him from playing football, but he refused to let it interfere with his National Guard duties.

"They had to chase him off the drill field when he was on crutches," Michael said. "And when an officer came into a room, he'd get up and stand at attention, even though he didn't have to."

Matt's family put together a collage of photographs for his funeral services, and Michael said that everyone who came past pointed out a different picture as having special significance.

"Every picture there meant something to someone," he said. "Some of the football boys were asking for copies."

Matt didn't only have good friends from Prairie Heights. He had also made friends with people in his automotive class in Fremont and through the National Guard.

"He didn't have just one best friend," Michael said. "I found that out. He had lots."

Matt's mother Tammy

works on Thursday nights, and his two older sisters, Amanda and Toni, are both away at Manchester College. So Thursdays were typically alone time for Matt and his dad.

"Thursday night was our night. We'd watch 'C.S.I.' and 'Survivor,'" Michael said. "And it was the time when we could talk."

Boy Scouting was a big part of Matt's life. He was very close to achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, and enjoyed being a mentor to younger scouts.

"When they had questions, they'd ask Matt. He took the younger ones under his wing and said, 'Here, I'll show you how.' He was a real giving kid in all aspects," Michael said.

Matt's generous nature came out in a variety of different ways.

"One day a girl at school was crying; she was having a bad day," Michael said. "My son went out and bought her a dozen roses."

"Then there was the time a freshman was going to get his varsity jacket, but he wasn't sure what size to get. Matt let him wear his jacket half the day so he could get a feel for it."

Losing Matt has left a huge hole in Michael's life.

"He was the baby and our only boy," he said. "It still hurts. It's still so hard. But we've been told the best thing we can do is talk about Matthew. And we do."

Elizabeth Brenner

AUBURN — Elizabeth Brenner, 87, of Auburn and formerly of Dunedin, Fla., died Friday, Nov. 10, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

She was born May 5, 1919, in Freeport, Ill., to Nelson R. and Frances (Wiltshire) James.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Judith Ann and David Timmerman of Auburn and Beth Brenner Stahl and her husband, Mark, of Westfield, N.J.; a son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Laurie Brenner of West Branch, Mich.; three grandchildren and their spouses, Robert and Anita Timmerman, Linda and Gary Depue and Graeme Stahl; seven great-grandsons; and a sister, Iris Anderson of Illinois.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Albert Brenner, in 1997, and three brothers.

Memorial services will be held at a later date in Dunedin, Fla. Burial will be in Florida National Cemetery at Bushnell, Fla.

Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to Gideons International or the Auburn Alliance Church.

Lela Hogan

AUBURN — Lela Mabel Hogan, 93, of Auburn died Friday, Nov. 10, 2006, at Wesley Health Care of Auburn.

She was a homemaker.

She was born May 25, 1913, in Mae, Ohio, to David and Ina (Sponhower) Ridenour.

On Aug. 24, 1933, she married Lewis Franklin Hogan. He died Jan. 30, 1979.

Surviving are three sons, Richard Hogan of Angola, Russel Hogan of Kendallville and Darl Hogan of Nevada; four daughters, Margaret Gonzalez Bishop of Auburn, Patricia Park of Angola, Wilma Searfoss of Leesburg and Virginia Hansen of Albion; a sister, Alice Irene Leslie of Kalamazoo, Mich.; 34 grandchildren; 75 great-grandchildren; and 18 great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death in addition to her husband were her parents; a son, Larry Hogan; four sisters; four brothers; and one great-grandson.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Cedar St., Auburn, the Rev. Ronald Stambaugh officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Crofus Dobson

CORUNNA — Infant Crofus Leonard Dobson died shortly after birth Friday, Nov. 10, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Surviving are his parents, Ronnie Gene and April Joy (Marshall) Dobson of Corunna; a brother, Bryce Q. Dobson, at home; grandparents Willis and Ilene Dobson of Auburn and Adam and Alean Marshall of Auburn; great-grandmother May Dobson of Auburn; an uncle and aunt, Shane and Darla Marshall of Auburn; several great aunts and great uncles; and cousins.

Private family services will be conducted, with the David Funeral Home of Kendallville in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to www.davidfuneralhome.net.

Memorials to the family may be sent to David Funeral Home, 1292 Drake Road, Kendallville, IN 46755.

Cody Hoover

KENDALLVILLE — Cody Hoover, 18, of Kendallville died Sunday, Nov. 12, 2006, in Kendallville.

He was born in Kendallville on May 14, 1988, to Rickie Lee and Lori Kay (Woodcox) Hoover. They survive in LaGrange.



Cody Hoover

He attended Liberty Freewill Baptist Church in Wolcottville and enjoyed weightlifting, fishing, boxing, and listening to music.

Also surviving are two brothers, Jake Lortie of LaGrange and Jeremy of Fort Wayne; four sisters, Jessica and Christin Hoover, both of LaGrange, Melanie of Kendallville and Haley of Fort Wayne; paternal grandparents, Harry "Pinky" and Diane Gamble of Wolcottville; maternal grandparents, John and Nancy Woodcox of Kendallville; a grandmother, Lydia Bolen of Kendallville; grandparents, Ken and Marsha Henry of Avilla; great-grandmother, Ellen Gamble of Corunna, and great-grandparents, Elmer and Iris Woodcox of Antwerp, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Rickie Lee Hoover Jr.; grandparents, Clovis and Flora Hoover; a grandfather, Kenny Bolen; and great-grandfather, Loss Gamble.

Services will be at noon Wednesday at Liberty Baptist Church in Wolcottville with Pastor Earl Rose and Pastor Billy Smith officiating.

Burial will be at Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett. Pallbearers will be Eddie Slone, Clovis Hoover, Brandon Hoover, Jacob Lortie, Harry Gamble Jr., and Brandon Garrison.

Honorary pallbearers will be Kevin Sizemore and Jerry Combs.

Calling will be from 4 p.m. today until the funeral service on Wednesday.

Memorials are to his family in care of Liberty Freewill Baptist Church.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

To view a video tribute or send condolences to the family, go www.hitefuneralhome.com

Lucille Carrico

AUBURN — Lucille Elmira Gnagy Carrico, 92, of Auburn died Sunday, Nov. 12, 2006, at Community Hospital of Williams

County in Bryan, Ohio.

She was born Oct. 13, 1914, in Somerset, Pa.

Her mother and father died in the flu

epidemic of 1918, and she and her younger brother, Herb, were cared for by their grandparents and aunts.

She worked as a district manager for Whellan Photography Studios until she retired in 1977. Because of her numerous flights as a businesswoman on Delta Airlines, she was honored as "Orchid Lady" by the airline.

She has served in many charitable organizations, such as the Curiosity Shop, DeKalb Memorial Hospital and the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum. Her hobbies included traveling and playing cards with friends.

She met and married Virgil Norman Carrico in 1939. He died in 1978.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Jack and Pat Ewing and grandsons Jack and Eric; and Dr. Virgil Norman Carrico and his wife, Lois, and granddaughter Pam Miller; a sister, Carolyn Janet Gratigny; a grandson, Brian; a granddaughter, Terri; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Sandra Carrico, in 1984.

Private graveside services will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn. McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, will handle arrangements.

Memorials are to the Curiosity Shop or DeKalb Memorial Hospital.



Mrs. Carrico

Damon Freeman

CORUNNA — Damon "Dane" Joseph Freeman, 16, died Sunday, Nov. 12, 2006, at his home in Corunna.

He was a member of the Freedom to Worship Church of God in Altona. He enjoyed spending



Dane Freeman

time with his friends, four-wheeling, hunting, fishing and going to church. He loved animals, especially his dogs Chico, Jackson and Seuss, and loved all of his friends.

He was born Feb. 14, 1990, in Auburn to the Rev. Joseph and Lois (Ramsey) Freeman of Corunna. They survive.

Also surviving are five brothers, Jimmy Freeman of Wise, Va., Steve Freeman of Johnson City, Tenn., Ricky Freeman of Gainesville, Tenn., Jeff Freeman of Macon, Ga., and Dustin Ramsey of Auburn; a sister, Lora Abate of Big Stone Gap, Va.; eight nieces and nephews from Virginia and Tennessee; six uncles and their spouses, Harold Ramsey and Barb Worm of Auburn, Ken Ramsey of Auburn, and Rufford Freeman, Barney and Norma Freeman, Darrell and Edna Freeman and Ralph and Wilma Freeman, all of Ohio; three aunts and their spouses, Christine Starnes of Ohio and Janette and Hubert Cooke and Doris and Tommy Wells of Tennessee; and many great-aunts, great-uncles and extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents and an uncle, Paul Freeman.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in the Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. The Rev. Darrell Brandenburg, the Rev. Bill Watkins, the Rev. Charles Witt, Brother Jerry Head and the Rev. Darrell Freeman will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

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Preceding her in death in addition to her husband were her parents; two sons, Larry Hogan and Lewis Wendell Hogan; four sisters; four brothers; and two grandchildren and one great-great grandson.

Services were today at the Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Cedar St., Auburn, with the Rev. Ronald Stambaugh officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Memorials are to the family.

Martha Wood

GARRETT — Martha M. Wood, 45, of Garrett died Monday, Nov. 13, 2006, at 10:07 p.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She worked at RISE Inc. in Angola for 25 years. She was a member of the Ashley Chapter of the Eastern Star and attended the Garrett Presbyterian Church.

She was born July 8, 1961, in Garrett to William H. and Martha (Feightner) Wood.

Surviving are her stepfather, Dave Miller of Garrett; a sister, Samme Johnson of Bowie, Md.; a nephew, Levi Johnson of Bowie; a niece, Emily Johnson of Bowie; a stepbrother, Karl R. Miller of Korea; and two step-sisters, Bonnie Miller and Laura Miller.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Martha Miller, and her father, William H. Wood.

Services will be Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett. The Rev. Howard Compton and the Rev. Blaine Feightner will officiate. Burial will be in Embrey Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling will be Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to RISE Inc. of Angola or the Garrett Presbyterian Church.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skynet.net.



Mrs. Wood

Fern Hankey

BUTLER — Fern Hankey, 87, of Butler died Monday, Nov. 13, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hankey worked for Commercial Shearing Co. in Butler for 16 years, retiring in 1988. She was a member of Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church in rural Butler.

She was born June 13, 1919, in Napoleon, Mich., to Omer C. and Martha (Mason) Brown. They preceded her in death.

She married Vern Hankey on May 9, 1942, in the Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church parsonage. He died in October 1969.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Elizabeth and Earl Mullett of Butler, Martha Doub of Butler and Oleta and Larry Conklin of Muncie; seven grandchildren and their spouses, Kimberly Shultz and her husband, Dennis, Karen Hollman, Richard Mullett, Shelly Bontrager, Von Hudson, Carey Doub and Ingrid Tom and her husband, Mark; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Hirshel and Harold Brown, and two sisters, Helen Himminger and Pearl Standfield.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church, with Dale Rabineau and the Rev. Barb Lloyd officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

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Also surviving are five brothers, Jimmy Freeman of Wise, Va., Steve Freeman of Johnson City, Tenn., Ricky Freeman of Gainesville, Tenn., Jeff Freeman of Macon, Ga., and Dustin Ramsey of Auburn; a sister, Lora Abate of Big Stone Gap, Va.; 14 nieces and nephews from Virginia and Tennessee; six uncles and their spouses, Harold Ramsey and Barb Worm of Auburn, Ken Ramsey of Auburn, and Rufford Freeman, Barney and Norma Freeman, Darrell and Edna Freeman and Ralph and Wilma Freeman, all of Ohio; three aunts and their spouses, Christine Starnes of Ohio and Janette and Hubert Cooke and Doris and Tommy Wells of Tennessee; and many great-aunts, great-uncles and extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents and an uncle, Paul Freeman.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in the Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. The Rev. Darrell Brandenburg, the Rev. Bill Watkins, the Rev. Charles Witt, Brother Jerry Head and the Rev. Darrell Freeman will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery at Auburn. Pallbearers will be Dustin, Harold, Jimmy, Steve, Austin, Karl, Zhon, Barney and Daniel.

Calling will be today from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Dorothy Shafer

GARRETT — Dorothy I. Shafer, 91, of Garrett died Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2006, in Provena Sacred Heart Home at Avilla.

She was born May 19, 1915, in Kendallville to Charles H. and Vina (Smith) Greenwalt.

She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1934 and had lived in Garrett since 1935.

On Nov. 23, 1935, in Kendallville, she married Ora Davis. He preceded her in death in 1963. The couple owned the Central Market in Garrett from 1950 to 1965 and Cox Meat Market in Kendallville until 1965. She also was an instructor at Fort Wayne Beauty College for five years. She owned and operated Dorothy's House of Beauty in Garrett from 1961 to 1976.

She married Warren Hawley in 1967. He died in 1973. She then married Lee Shafer on Dec. 3, 1976. He died in 1996.

Mrs. Shafer was a member of the First Baptist Church in Garrett and the Harvest House.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Robert Davis and Jack and Joyce Davis, all of Garrett; a daughter and son-in-law, Suzanne and Roger Stafford, also of Garrett; nine grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, a sister and a grandson also preceded her in death.



Mrs. Shafer

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in the First Baptist Church in Garrett with Pastor David Mix and Pastor Art Ferry Jr. officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Friday from 2-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Memorials are to the First Baptist Church.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

Sondra Distelrath

HUNTERTOWN — Sondra Lou Distelrath, 63, of Huntertown died Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2006, at

Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Fort Wayne, Mrs. Distelrath had worked in purchasing for Three

Rivers Beverage and Alco Distributing since 1984.

A loving wife, mother and grandmother, better known as "Sweetie" to all who knew her, she was a die-hard Chicago Cubs and Bears fan. She was a proud owner of a Harley-Davidson motorcycle and loved to enter it in bike shows.

Surviving are her husband of 36 years, Robert Distelrath; her mother, Luella King of Garrett; two daughters and a son-in-law, Terri and Steven Blaising of Indianapolis and Lisa Grabner of Fort Wayne; a son, Jeremy F. Distelrath of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; and two dogs that loved her.

Her father, Lester H. King, preceded her in death.

Services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be today from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Memorials are to the National Kidney Foundation or the American Diabetes Association.



Mrs. Distelrath

Orville Long

ROCHESTER — Orville E. Long, 85, a native of Rochester, died Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2006, at 9:40 p.m., in the Blake Medical Center in Bradenton, Fla.

Mr. Long began his employment with Fruehauf Trailer in Fort Wayne, transferring to Detroit, Mich., in 1963 and to Bradenton, Fla., in 1978. He formerly managed and owned the Pelican Pier Mobile Home Park in Ellenton, Fla. He graduated with a bachelor's degree from Indiana University.

He was a 32nd degree Mason, a member of Sahib Shrine Temple of Sarasota, Fla., the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge 1511 of Bradenton and Fruehauf's President's Club and was a Kentucky Colonel. He was an avid fisherman and boater.

He was born May 27, 1921, in Rochester to Jay and Mary (Peterson) Long.

Surviving are his wife, Rebecca; a son and daughter-in-law, James O. and Kimiko Long of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Patricia Miller of Auburn; four grandchildren, Kelly Hunnicutt, Greg S. Miller, Michiko Crowell and Kimiko Kovacs; six great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild; two sisters, Erma Coplin of Rochester and Carol Azbell of North Vernon; and a brother, Harold Long of Pontiac, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Madeline (Chapman) Long.

Services will be Tuesday at 3 p.m. in Smith & Sons Funeral Home, 207 N. Main St., Columbia City. The Rev. Dr. C. James Cress, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, will officiate. Burial will be in South Whitley Cemetery.

Joan Donat

WATERLOO — Joan Carol Donat, 76, of Waterloo died Thursday, Nov. 16, 2006, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Donat was a homemaker and a member of the Country Charm Homemakers Club in Waterloo. She was a Girl Scout leader and a Cub Scout den mother. Her hobbies included bowling, gardening and spending time with her grandchildren.

She married Herbert Donat on Dec. 30, 1961, in Waterloo. He survives in Waterloo.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Gary R. Hurd of Fort Wayne and Troy L. and Carla Donat of Waterloo; three daughters and sons-in-law, Sandra K. and Jay Kern of Waterloo, Karen E. and Randy Morton of Auburn and Christine L. and Mark Gibson of Auburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Alfred and Jeannie Days of Corunna; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Jacqueline Smith of Fort



Mrs. Donat

Wayne and Silene "Sally" and Doug Cheek of Auburn; nine grandchildren, Jacob R. Kern, Stephanie K. Kern, Kara L. Kern, Rachel N. Gibson, Lynsie L. Gibson, Erica L. Gibson, Isaac M. Gibson, Audrey G. Donat and Luke L. Donat; one great-grandchild, J.J. Garman; and many nieces and nephews.

Her parents, Edson and Mabel (Grear) Days, preceded her in death.

She married her first husband, Richard Hurd, on Jan. 6, 1951. He died Sept. 21, 1956.

Also preceding her in death were two brothers, Robert Days and Max Days; five sisters, Vivian Myers, Zidiana Brindle, Georgia Quinonez, Dorothy Wilder and Barbara Stout; and one niece, Glenda Shank.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Indiana University School of Medicine Center of Alzheimer's Research.

Calling will be Tuesday from noon to 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Palma Sola Harbor Condominium Memorial Fund, Bradenton, Fla.

Condolences may be sent at www.smithandsonsfuneral-home.com.

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Mrs. Donat

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Harvey Carper

FORT WAYNE — Harvey B. Carper, 84, died Thursday, Nov. 16, 2006, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Dekalb County, he retired from General Electric Co. in 1984 with 41 years of service and was a charter member of the Cedar Creek Church of Christ.

Surviving are his wife, Hazel I. Carper of Fort Wayne; three daughters and a son-in-law, Beverly Buckler of Marion, Karen and Don Noragon of Waterloo and Nancy Carper of Leo; a son and daughter-in-law, Craig and Deb Carper of Leo; six grandchildren, Christina Carteaux, Cady Prindle, Rick Garman, Robin Towle, Shannon Lincoln and Chad Buckler; 14 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Wayne Carper of Ashley.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Norma Carper; a brother, Stanley Carper; and a sister, Carol Stepp.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road. Pastor Mike Kjergaard and the Rev. Ron Collens will officiate. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be Sunday from 3-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Cedar Creek Church of Christ.

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She was born Nov. 5, 1930, in Ashley to Edson and Mabel (Gear) Days. Her parents preceded her in death.

She married Herbert Donat on Dec. 30, 1961, in Waterloo. He survives in Waterloo.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Gary R. Hurd of Fort Wayne and Troy L. and Carla Donat of Waterloo; three daughters and sons-in-law, Sandra K. and Jay Kern of Waterloo, Karen E. and Randy Morton of Auburn and Christine L. and Mark Gibson of Auburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Alfred and Jeannie Days of Corunna; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Jacqueline Smith of Fort Wayne and Silene "Sally" and Doug Cheek of Auburn; nine grandchildren, Jacob R. Kern, Stephanie K. Kern, Kara L.

Kern, Rachel N. Gibson, Lynsie L. Gibson, Erica L. Gibson, Isaac M. Gibson, Audrey G. Donat and Luke L. Donat; one great-grandchild, J.J. Garman; and many nieces and nephews.

She married her first husband, Richard Hurd, on Jan. 6, 1951. He died Sept. 21, 1956.

Also preceding her in death were two brothers, Robert Days and Max Days; five sisters, Vivian Myers, Zidiana Brindle, Georgia Quinonez, Dorothy Wilder and Barbara Stout; and one niece, Glenda Shank.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett.

Calling will be today from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Indiana University School of Medicine Center of Alzheimer's Research.

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Avilla farmer was everyone's friend

Hog roast, auction Dec. 9 will benefit family of the late Mark Edwards

BY KYLE GIBEL

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AVILLA — After friends and neighbors used eight combines to harvest Mark Edwards' fall crops, the machines were lined up facing the Edwards home on the Baseline Road, three miles west of Old S.R. 3.

"It was like they were saluting Mark," said Holly Edwards, wife of the 49-year-old father of four, and a friend to many hundreds who claimed the late Mr. Edwards as their friend.

"His brother, Doug, took the kids over to the window to show them," she continued. "He told them, 'That's a lesson to be learned; that's what happens to good people,'" she recalled.

Mr. Edwards' friends completed the fall harvest in about an hour and a half; they also had planted the crops last spring, after Mr. Edwards was admitted to Indiana University Medical Center to undergo a bone-marrow transplant.

Mr. Edwards had been diagnosed with a form of blood cancer, Holly Edwards said. He anticipated being in the hospital for a month, with another four weeks to be spent in Indianapolis so he could have daily checkups.

"He had a perfect match," Mrs. Edwards said. The donor was a sister. He immediately began producing red and white blood cells and platelets, she explained.

He also developed a graft-host disease, not uncommon for someone undergoing such a procedure. A mild form is an indication that the procedure is working. Her husband had stage one of the disease, with an infection in his mouth. He then developed stage two on his skin.

"It was like he had had a sunburn, and the skin flaked off," she explained. Then, unexpectedly, he developed the disease in his stomach. It ate away the lining of his stomach and intestines, then moved to his liver, which was destroyed.

Mr. Edwards died without ever leaving the hospital.

Throughout his illness, Mr. Edwards never lost his positive attitude, his wife said. After all, Mark Edwards was a strong and healthy man; he didn't smoke or drink. A crew of East Noble athletes who joined her son, Keanan, in baling hay one past summer couldn't keep up with Mr. Edwards.

Mark lost one leg in a farming accident when he was 7 years old, but he did anything and everything he wanted. He snow- and water-skied, worked for more than 28 years at Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne and also farmed.

Mrs. Edwards said she was a freshman when Mark was a senior in high school. She knew who he was, but didn't



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In his final family photo, Mark Edwards is surrounded by the "K-Kids" and his wife, Holly. Clockwise, the "K-Kids" are Keanan,

Kianci, Kearn and Kavan. Mr. Edwards died Nov. 3 after battling a form of blood cancer.

date him until years later.

"He was the guy with one leg," she joked.

Mark used his artificial leg to pull numerous pranks, especially on his favorite holiday, which was Halloween. Mrs. Edwards said.

"He would stick it upside down into the ground on a grave, and then hide behind a headstone," she said with a laugh. Or, he would ask a nephew to pull off his boots after feigning tiredness from work.

"He would have loosened the strap on his leg, and when they pulled on his boot, the entire leg came off," she continued.

At work one time, he outdid a co-worker who was showing off his strength by using a rivet gun to fasten his boot to his foot.

When their oldest child was born, Mark worked nights at Dana Corp., and was a house husband during the day.

"He changed diapers, he did everything," Mrs. Edwards said. As the family grew, each child benefited from the support of the parents.

"We went to every activity, for every child," she said. And there were a lot of family reunions. One was held at the Edwards farm after Mark and Doug dug a large, decorative pond.

"I always wanted a swimming pool," she said, but she compromised on the pond.

"I almost put up a sign," Mrs. Edwards said of the project by the two brothers: "Marked by Mark, and dug by

Doug," it would have read, she said.

The Edwardses learned to compromise from the start of their relationship. Mrs. Edwards said she always had dreamed of a Christmas wedding.

"After all, my name is Holly," she recalled. She envisioned Mark in a white tuxedo.

"Mark said 'No way,' and then I said, 'We might as well get married in a barn.'" Mark liked that idea, so they had a Western-themed wedding outdoors.

"We planned to ride off in a horse-drawn buggy, but the horse went lame," she recalled. A storm flattened a gazebo loaned to them by East Noble theater director Craig Munk, but it was repaired in time for the evening wedding.

"The weather cleared, and it was beautiful," she recalled.

Mrs. Edwards said her husband was everyone's friend. He would drop in on a neighbor and not come home for hours; he would offer help to a stranded motorist along the highway, or put air in someone's tire at a service station, she said.

Once at a Chicago museum and again at Myrtle Beach, S.C., they were startled by a friend calling out, "Hey, Mark," she said.

After one trip together, Mark was unusually quiet, she recalled.

"I asked him what was wrong, and he said, 'We didn't run into any one we know,' and he didn't think that was right!" she said.

At Dana Corp., Mark was vice president of United Steelworkers Local 903 and chairman of the bargaining committee.

"Basically, he ran the union. He cared very much, and took a lot of things personally when someone had a problem," union president Denny Leazier said.

"He was usually the one someone wanted to talk to with a problem. A lot of us felt a personal loss" with Mark's death, he said.

Mark's co-workers have twice "passed the hat" to help with his medical expenses. Mrs. Edwards, a first-grade teacher in East Noble schools, has been on unpaid leave since her husband's illness.

A benefit to aid the family will be held Dec. 9 at the Noble County Fairgrounds in Kendallville. A 3 p.m. hog roast will be followed by an auction of hundreds of donated items and an 8 p.m. appearance by Brian Tussey & Route 7 Band. A silent auction will be held throughout the evening because of the large number of donated items.

Judging from the large number of people who attended Mark Edwards' funeral service, there should probably be more than one hog. More than 1,200 attended the service at St. John's Lutheran Church in Kendallville, and the drive around Lake View Cemetery was filled.

"I was lucky," Mrs. Edwards said. "They don't make them like Mark any more."

Forest Lawson

MONTGOMERY, Mich. — Forest E. Lawson, 76, of Montgomery, Mich., died Saturday, Nov. 18, 2006, at Harborside Nursing Home in Bryan, Ohio.



Mr. Lawson

Mr. Lawson was born May 21, 1930, in Sparta Township, Noble County to Homer Earl and Blanche Lawson. He was married to Phyllis Jean Zion on Feb. 14, 1950, in LaGrange. She preceded him in death on April 15, 2003.

He worked for LaGrange Products in Fremont for 24 years. He was a World War II Army veteran. He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 9941 in Reading, Mich. and Amvets. His hobbies were fishing, hunting and gardening.

Surviving are five daughters, Vickie Burd, Fort Wayne, Kathy Lonabarger of Pioneer, Ohio, Cynthia Champion of Camden, Mich., Lucy Keegan of Montgomery and Julie Creighton of Lake Odessa, Mich.; three sons, Randy Lawson and Danny Lawson, both of Camden, and Robert Lawson of LaGrange; a sister, Geneva Wagner of Kendallville; a brother, Roy Lawson of Auburn; 31 grandchildren; 61 great-grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; two daughters, Rebecca Lynn Lawson and Geraldine Fuller; and a grandson, Michael Burd.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Brian Colby officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Ann Arbor, Mich. Condolences can be left online at www.beamsfuneral-home.com.

Eli Myers Jr.

HUNTERTOWN — Eli Myers Jr., 82, of Huntertown, died Monday, Nov. 20, 2006, after a short battle with cancer.

Mr. Myers was a lifelong DeKalb County farmer and was an active member of the Cuba



Mr. Myers

Mennonite Church. He found great fulfillment in being involved in nursing home and prison ministries.

He was born Aug. 24, 1924, to Eli Myers Sr. and Elizabeth (Lugbill) Myers. They preceded him in death.

He married Phyllis Meinderding on June 29, 1952, in Leo. She died April 18, 2005.

Surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Larry and Mary Myers of Grabill, Dave and Mary Lou Myers of Huntertown, Randy Myers of Warsaw and Terry and Gyneth Myers of Auburn; a daughter, Betty Myers of Huntertown; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Walter J. Myers.

Services will be Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the Cuba Mennonite Church, 10835 Cuba Road, Harlan, with Pastor James Miller and Pastor Terry Myers officiating. Burial will be in Yaggy Cemetery at Grabill.

Calling will be at the church today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Wednesday from 2-3 p.m.

Memorials are to the Cuba Mennonite School, 10835 Cuba Road, Harlan, IN 46743.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home of Spencerville is handling arrangements.

Eleanor Black

ANGOLA — Eleanor G. "Ginger" Morley Black, 85, of Angola died Monday, Nov. 20, 2006, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Black was born Dec. 3, 1920, in Fremont to Parks and Zula (Harter) Watts. She was married to Robert Black, and he preceded her in death on July 17, 2005.

She was a graduate of Metz High School.

She had been the co-owner of the Top Hat and Azar's restaurants in Angola. She was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church, Angola Women of the Moose, Angola American Legion Post No. 31 Auxiliary and the Angola Elks Lodge. She was a 4-H leader and an avid bowler and bingo player.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jan Ryan Wilson and Mark Wilson of Angola; a foster daughter, Sue Maxson of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren, Brooke Ryan, Ruben Ryan and Monte Yarger; two great-grandchildren and nine foster great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Mac Morley, in 1968; and a daughter, Kaylynn Morley, in 1944.

Services will be at noon Friday at the Angola United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Laurence Smith officiating. Calling will be Friday from 10 a.m. to noon at the church.

Memorials are to Angola United Methodist Church or Steuben County Special Olympics.

Arrangements are being handled by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Carlton Erwin

ANGOLA — Carlton D. Erwin, 75, of Angola died Monday, Nov. 20, 2006, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mr. Erwin was born Aug. 30, 1931, in Angola to Carl E. and Lillie M. (Rinehart) Erwin. He married Dorothy Robbins at the Chapel in the Garden in Angola on July 5, 1952. She survives.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1951-57.

He graduated from Angola High School in 1950. He worked for the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County for 36 years as a maintenance supervisor, retiring in 1993.

He was a member of Angola American Legion Post No. 31 and Angola Moose Lodge No. 1568. He was also a member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Dale and Kathleen Erwin of Fort Wayne and Tim and Karen Erwin of Pleasant Lake; a daughter, Tamy Persons of Auburn; a sister, Lila Allen of Auburn; three granddaughters, Angela Kiser of Churubusco and Melissa and Jessica Erwin, both of Fort Wayne; two nephews and their wives, Ken and Karen Shelton of Angola and Kent and Pat Shelton of Granger; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Arthur John Erwin.

Services will be at 11 a.m. on Dec. 2 at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola. Calling will be Dec. 1 from 4 to 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Robert Garfield

HAINES CITY, Fla. — Robert L. Garfield, 75, of Haines City, Fla., died Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2006, in Auburndale, Fla.

Mr. Garfield had been a corporate pilot with Rieke Corp. in Auburn. He retired from the U.S. Air Force after 20 years of service. He was a veteran of the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

He was a member of St. Ann Catholic Church in Haines City and American Legion Post 8 in Winter Haven, Fla.

Mr. Garfield moved to Haines City in 1992 from Auburn.

He was born June 11, 1931, in St. Louis, Mo., to William Henry Garfield and Beulah Elms Kronsbein.

Surviving are his wife of 26 years, Linda Garfield of Haines City; two sons, Robert L. Garfield Jr. of Jonesboro and Kevin W. Garfield of Marion; two daughters, Suzanne Fletcher of Lawrence, Kan., and Theresa Devlin of Topeka, Kan.; two stepdaughters, Stephanie Good of Fort Wayne and Nicole Crager of Corunna; a half-brother, James Jackson of Cuba, Mo.; a half-sister, Patricia Thompson of Tulsa, Okla.; 16 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will take place Saturday at 11 a.m. at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 7710 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne.

Oak Ridge Funeral Care, Haines City, was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Malcolm Elliott

INDIANAPOLIS —

Malcolm M. Elliott, 88, of Indianapolis and formerly of Jimmerson Lake, died Monday, Nov. 20, 2006.

Mr. Elliott was born Aug. 1, 1918, to Glant and Elizabeth (Tracy) Elliott. He was married to Maxine (Harrell) Elliott for 66 years, and she survives.

He retired after 39 years on the railroad. He served in the

U.S. Army in World War II. He was a member of the Keystone Masonic Lodge for 50 years and Linwood Christian Church. He was an avid wood worker.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Sandra and David Hoffman and Terri and Mark Vandermark; two sons and daughters-in-law, Glant and Mary Elliott and Harrell and Jan Elliott; two brothers, Bob and Don Elliott; 10 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Keith Elliott, and two grandsons.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Shirley Brothers Memorial Chapel, Indianapolis. Calling will be Friday from noon to 2 p.m.

Burial and military graveside services will be in Washington Park East, Indianapolis.

Memorials are to Community Home Health (Hospice), 9894 E. 121st St., Fishers, IN 46037.

Betty Gushwa

FORT WAYNE — Betty J. Gushwa, 84, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2006, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Born in DeKalb County, she was a mortgage reporter for Fort Wayne Credit Bureau, retiring in 1978.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Cynthia and Ronald Lake of Manhattan, Ill.; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and a brother, Hubert Stackhouse of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James; a brother, Preston Stackhouse; and a sister, Eunice Reno.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home.

Kristy Okuly

FORT WAYNE — Kristy M. Okuly, 44, of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2006 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She worked at Parkview Hospital for 25 years. She was a member of Trinity English Lutheran Church.

Surviving are her husband, Dan Okuly of Roanoke; two sons, Matthew Okuly of North Carolina and Shawn Okuly; a daughter, Desarae Okuly; her parents, David and Suzanne Cserep of Auburn; brothers Scott Derrow of Indianapolis and Randy Derrow of Lawson, Mo.; and stepbrothers David Cserep Jr. of Auburn and Daniel Cserep of Chalmers.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Trinity English Lutheran Church, 405 W. Wayne St., with Pastor Kathleen Haller officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling will be today from

2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Desarae's Education Fund or to Cancer Services of Allen County.

Donald Shoudel

CHURUBUSCO — Donald J. Shoudel, 72, of Churubusco died

Thursday, Nov. 23, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville following an extended illness.

**Mr. Shoudel**

He retired in 1996 from the Allen County Highway Department after 23 years. He was also engaged in farming.

Mr. Shoudel was born on Sept. 23, 1934, in DeKalb County to Albert C. and Oleva (Schortgen) Shoudel. He married Mary M. Meyer on June 5, 1958, in Bradenton, Fla.

Surviving are his wife; two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Tera Shoudel of Garrett and Edward A. "Ted" and Sam Shoudel of Churubusco; one daughter, Barbara Shoudel of Wolcottville; two grandchildren, Jamie and Kyle Shoudel; and one great-granddaughter, Haylee Shoudel.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Cleo and Leonard Shoudel.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Norman Conklin officiating. Burial will follow at Highland Park Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission or the Salvation Army.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of funeral arrangements.

Benjamin Clifton

FORT WAYNE — Senior Airman Benjamin J. Clifton, 23, died Friday, Nov. 17, 2006 in Bonham, Texas.

Born in Auburn, he was serving his country in the U.S. Air Force. He was stationed at Dyess Air Force Base, Abilene, Texas.

Surviving are his parents, Gary and Kathi Clifton of Spencerville; a daughter, Amiya M. Smith of Fort Wayne; and two brothers, Mike Clifton of Spencerville and Bill Albertson in the U.S. Navy.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Chuck Clifton, in 2001.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. Fort Wayne. The Rev. Matthew Snodderly will officiate. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Thursday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Turnstone Center or SCAN.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is being republished to include a photograph and additional information.

Kristy Okuly

FORT WAYNE — Kristy M. Okuly, 44, died Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2006, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Fort Wayne, she worked at Parkview Memorial Hospital for 25 years. She was a member

**Mrs. Okuly**

of Trinity English Lutheran Church. She enjoyed the lake, outdoors and spending time with family, friends and colleagues at work.

Surviving are her husband, Dan Okuly of Roanoke; two sons, Matthew Okuly of North Carolina and Shawn Okuly; a daughter, Deserae Okuly; her parents, David and Suzanne Cserep of Auburn; two brothers, Scott Derrow of Indianapolis and Randy Derrow of Lawson, Mo.; two stepbrothers, David Cserep Jr. of Auburn and Daniel Cserep of Chalmers, Ind.; and her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Paul and Pat Okuly of Huntington.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Trinity English Lutheran Church, 405 W. Wayne St, Fort Wayne, with Pastor Kathleen Haller officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling will be today from 1-2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Deserae's Education Fund or Cancer Services of Allen County.

Howard Bates

AUBURN — Howard A. Bates, 96, died Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Bates graduated from Tri-State University in 1931 with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering.

He was an engineer for the Auburn Automobile Co. from 1931-1936 and then worked in engineering at International Harvester of Fort Wayne for 39 years, retiring in 1975.

He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn and a 69-year member of the Auburn Lions Club. He was the longest-serving Lion in the state of Indiana and the first Auburn Lion to receive the prestigious Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. He was a lifetime member of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum and a Navistar Hero.

Mr. Bates was born April 8, 1910, in Camden City, Mich., to Dr. James A. and Elizabeth (Palmer) Bates. They preceded him in death.

He married Ellen M. McNabb on May 15, 1955, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, William A. Bates of Auburn and Robert Bates of Texas; a daughter, Nancy E. Bates of New Hartford, Conn.; a sister, Ruth Freed of Hillsdale, Mich.; and two grandchildren, Allison Bates and Ashley Bates.



Mr. Bates

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Orson Bates and Dr. Morton Bates; and two sisters, Helen Carpenter and Katherine Roach.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Auburn with the Rev. Stephen Kummernuss officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, and Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Auburn Lions Club Scholarship Fund and St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Holidays were special for Gene Julian

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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ANGOLA — The holidays are going to be a little sad for the Gene Julian family this year.

"Dad always lit up around the holidays," said Rob Julian, the second oldest of Gene's three sons. "It was definitely his favorite time of year."

Max Eugene "Gene" Julian died on Oct. 21, after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer on July 19. He was 58.

Thanksgiving was difficult to get through, Rod said. And with Christmas coming, he knows there will be some rough days ahead.

"Dad liked to light up the neighborhood with his outdoor lights," Rod said with a smile in his voice. "He loved Christmas shopping ... he'd shop right up until they shut the stores down on Christmas Eve."

The grim news of Gene's illness came on the heels of a joyous event for the Julian family.

"He was diagnosed the same day our granddaughter Addison was born," said Barb Julian, Gene's wife of 35 years. Barb said Gene's cancer was attributed to exposure to Agent Orange while he was serving during the Vietnam War.

"He didn't talk about his time in Vietnam much," Barb said. "It was pretty hard for him. He was at Hamburger Hill, and he saw a lot of his buddies get killed or shot. But that's really all he talked about much."



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Gene and Barb Julian pose with their grandchildren, Addison, left, and Austin. Gene died on Oct. 21 after battling pancreatic cancer.

Gene was a radio operator for the Army 101st Airborne.

"So he was a prime target," Barb said. "It was probably a pretty scary thing."

But it was in the middle of his military service that Barb and Gene met.

"He was home on leave and we were at a New Year's Eve party," Barb said. "We were at a friend's lake cottage."

Shortly after they met on New Year's Eve 1969, Gene had to go back to Colorado where he was stationed. He returned home the following March, and Barb was waiting for him. They were married on Sept. 4, 1971.

The first thing Barb noticed about Gene was his quiet demeanor.

"I remember how quiet he

was," she said. "He would just sit back and watch what was going on. And he had a nice smile."

Barb remembered her husband as a civic-minded man.

"He was always very involved in the community," she said. "He was always interested in what was being built and what was going on."

Gene loved the outdoors.

"He loved going hunting with his sons," Barb said.

Gene enjoyed all different types of sports. He was a NASCAR and Indy Racing enthusiast (Mark Martin was his favorite NASCAR driver), and Rod said he also loved the Indianapolis Colts, Chicago Bears and Indiana University Hoosiers basketball.

"We would always go to Cubs games in the spring," Rod said.

Addison's birth was a family milestone. The Julians have three sons, and they had a grandson, Austin, who is almost 2.

"She was the first girl," Barb said. "So he was pretty excited about her."

Gene's family will do whatever they can to make sure Austin, Addison and any other future grandchildren will remember their grandfather.

"We've saved a lot of pictures," Barb said. "We have his equipment — he loved his trucks and tractors — and we have his memorabilia from the service. We're going to try to put all that together for them, and we also have a video."

Rod said his father was "like two different people."

"He was very hard-working and dedicated to his family. He worked extraordinarily hard, but in his downtime he loved to relax," he said.

Gene was an owner of Tri-Angle Earth Moving Inc., which has done numerous municipal and private projects in the area.

Rod said the family is still coming to grips with their loss.

"The reality's still setting in," he said. "It's hard to get your mind around how something like this could happen to an otherwise healthy person. We all know what cancer is, but it's so hard when it hits close to home. It's very frustrating and hard to understand."

Kenneth Green

ROME CITY — Kenneth E. Green, 51, of Rome City died Saturday, Nov. 25, 2006, at 1:16



Mr. Green

a.m. at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville. He was born May 9, 1955, in Willard, Ohio to Corbit and Corene (Terry) Green. Both survive.

As a young boy he moved to Kendallville from Kentucky. On Aug. 11, 2000 in Tennessee he was married to Sue (Varner) Knapp Green. She survives. He was employed by International Wire in Kendallville from 1978 to 1999, and Dalton Corp. in Kendallville from 1999 until his death. He attended the First Baptist Church of Kendallville.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Duane Anthony and Dusti Green of Auburn; a stepdaughter and stepson-in-law, Lisa and Rick Coker of Wolcottville; two stepsons and a stepdaughter-in-law, Thomas J. Miller of Rome City, and Michael and Renee Knapp of Greenfield; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Dorothy and Jim Manns and Wilma and Bob Manns, all of Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, Donald and Barb Green of Kendallville; eight grandchildren, Makyle Green, Casey Pontius, Matthew Coker, Adam Coker, Danyelle Miller and Skylar Knapp; five step grandchildren, Nicole and Randy Oliver, Randy Wiley and Jonathon and Mindy Wilcox; and five step great-grandchildren, Payton Oliver, Colton Oliver, Kaitlyn Wilcox, Noah Wilcox and Mya Wiley.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Community Baptist Church in Wolcottville with the Rev. Lee Combs and the Rev. Willie Collins officiating. Burial is in Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

Calling is Monday from 3 to 8 p.m. at Young Family Funeral Home, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, and Tuesday from 2 p.m. until midnight at the Community Baptist Church in Wolcottville. There will be a special service at the church at 6 p.m.

Honorary casketbearer is Duane Green. Casketbearers are Milford Terry, Rodney Manns, Jamie Manns, Percy Young, Cory Green, Donny Green, Tom Miller and Mike Knapp.

Condolences may be sent to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

Thelma Moody

AUBURN — Thelma N. Moody, 98, of Auburn died Friday, Nov. 24, 2006, at the Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

She was born August 14, 1908 in Pomeroy, Ohio, to Dana R. and Julia Alice (Cromer) Starkey.

In addition to being a homemaker, she worked several years at W.A. McNaughton Co. in Muncie before moving to Auburn in 1938. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn. She was a 50-year member of the Auburn Eastern Star and founded the Muncie/Auburn Club. She was the first to work for Meals on Wheels in this area. She married Phillip Moody on June 9, 1929, in Muncie. He died March 19, 1986.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, James and Donnasu Moody of Tinley Park, Ill., and a grandson, Erick Moody, also of Tinley Park, Ill.

Auburn Eastern Star services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Wilbur Yates officiating. Burial

is in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling is one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First United Church in Auburn.

Katherine 'Kate' Clady

GARRETT — Katherine C. "Kate" Clady, 68, of Garrett died Monday, Nov. 27, 2006, at her home in Garrett.

Mrs. Clady worked as a baker at the Owens Bakery for 30 years, retiring in 2000.



Mrs. Clady

She was born Jan. 9, 1938, in St. Joe, to Harry E. and Lula (Lutz) Shuff. They preceded her in death.

She married Jack W. Clady on March 27, 1956, in DeKalb County. He survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are two sons, Troy W. Clady and Todd E. Clady, both of Garrett; six daughters and four sons-in-law, Denise E. Parker of Garrett, Jackie L. Huff and Vallis Huff Jr. of Garrett, and Kim J. and Clarence Thomson, Marsha A. Warfield, Karen D. and Glen Slone and Jennifer D. and Zack McPherson, all of Auburn; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Jim and Shelba Shuff of Garrett, Chalmer Shuff of Glendale, Ariz., and Bill and Vivian Shuff of Fontana, Calif.; eight sisters and two brothers-in-law, Jackie Walker, Janice Witte, Roseann and Larry Kinsey and Joan Mills, all of St. Joe; Shirley Chapman of Butler, Faye Tarlton and Claudia Hulbert, both of Auburn, and Mary and Gerry Snook of Garrett; 18 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, Robert "Bob" Shuff, Franklin Shuff, Harry Shuff Jr. and Maurice "Bud" Shuff, and two sisters, Linda Sattison and Kaye Ellis.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Richard Pickard and Eddie Clark officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Vera Bradley Breast Cancer Research Fund or Parkview Hospice.

Joyce Iannetti

BUTLER — Joyce K. Iannetti, 56, of Butler died Monday, Nov. 27, 2006, at The Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.



Mrs. Iannetti

She worked as a certified nurse's aide at Harbor Side Nursing Home and Hillside Nursing Home. She was a member of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles in Butler and Bryan.

She was born April 20, 1950, in Bryan, Ohio, to Darold and Effie (Waller) Calvin. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Anthony J. "Tony" and Jill Iannetti of Waterloo; a daughter and son-in-law, Tina and Luke Cape of Edgerton, Ohio; a brother, Dave Calvin of Napoleon, Ohio; two sisters, Phyllis Mann of Bryan, Ohio, and Violet Lee of Redoes, N.M.; and five grandchildren, Brittany Iannetti, Adam Iannetti, Tommy Iannetti, Devin Cape and Ally Cape.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Dixie Spoor and Lucille Calvin, and one brother, Dick Calvin.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a scholarship fund for her five grandchildren in the care of Tina Cape or Heartland Hospice.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is
being republished to include
additional survivors.

Carlton Erwin

ANGOLA — Carlton D. Erwin, 75, of Angola died Monday, Nov. 20, 2006, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mr. Erwin was born Aug. 30, 1931, in Angola to Carl E. and Lillie M. (Rinehart) Erwin. He married Dorothy Robbins at the Chapel in the Garden in Angola on July 5, 1952. She survives.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1951-57.

He graduated from Angola High School in 1950. He worked for the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County for 36 years as a maintenance supervisor, retiring in 1993.

He was a member of Angola American Legion Post No. 31 and Angola Moose Lodge No. 1568. He was also a member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Dale and Kathleen Erwin of Fort Wayne and Tim and Karen Erwin of Pleasant Lake; a daughter, Tamy Persons of Auburn; a sister, Lila Allen of Auburn; three granddaughters, Angela Kiser of Churubusco and Melissa and Jessica Erwin, both of Fort Wayne; seven nieces and nephews and their spouses, Ken and Karen Shelton of Angola, Kent and Pat Shelton of Granger, Sandy Allen of Cincinnati, Ohio, Steve and Molly Allen of Auburn, Mike and Wendy Erwin, Kathy and Mike Davis and Karen and Roger Philpott, all of Texas; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Arthur John Erwin.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola. Calling will be Friday from 4 to 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Online condolences can be left at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Waunetta Plumb

KENDALLVILLE —
Waunetta I. Plumb, 92, of
Kendallville and formerly of
Wolcottville died at 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2006, at
Shepherd of the Hill nursing
home following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Plumb had lived in
Wolcottville from 1948 to
2000. She had been a
homemaker and had worked at
Hutchins Funeral Home in
Wolcottville for many years.

She was a member of St.
Gaspar Catholic Church.

She was born Nov. 4, 1914,
in Kendallville to Joseph J. and
Levah (Frohnhafer) Nelson.

Surviving is a sister, Betty
Whetstone of Union, Mich.

She was preceded in death
by her parents, four brothers
and six sisters.

Services will be at 1 p.m.
Monday at Shepherd of the
Hill nursing home chapel with
Father Matt Jozefiak offici-
ating. Burial will be in
Woodland Cemetery.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the
donor's choice.

Young Family Funeral
Home, Wolcottville Chapel, is
in charge of arrangements.

Mildred 'Midge' Knott

AUBURN — Mildred L.
"Midge" (Bassett) Knott, 96,
of Auburn died Tuesday, Nov.
28, 2006, at Betz Nursing
Home in Auburn.

She worked as a supervisor
for Kitchen Quip for 26 years,
retiring in 1975.

She was born April 20,
1910, in Monroeville to
Samuel G. and Martha J.
(Haffner) Bassett. They
preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons and
a daughter-in-law, H. Robert
and Marjorie Knott of Auburn
and James C. Knott of Fort
Charlotte, Fla.; seven
grandchildren; 13 great-
grandchildren; and 18 great-
great-grandchildren; and
several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death
by a daughter-in-law, Ruth Ann
(Deetz) Knott; three sisters,
Hazel Squire, Mabel Cook
Squire and Irma Kuhlman; and
three brothers, Leo Bassett,
Paul Bassett and Frank Bassett.

Services will be Friday at 2
p.m. in Feller and Clark
Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center
St., Auburn, with the Rev.
Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial
will be in Woodlawn Cemetery
of Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from
noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral
home.

Memorials are to Shriners
Hospital.

Patricia Beuret

AUBURN — Patricia L. Beuret, 86, of Auburn, died Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Born in Dayton, Ohio, she was a homemaker. She was a member, church organist and choir director of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church for more than 40 years, retiring in 1994.

She graduated from Villa Julianne High School in Dayton, Ohio, in 1938 and attended Ohio State University. She was a Daughters of the American Revolution treasurer for 20 years, a DeKalb County Chorus member for 15 years, an associate member of Entre Nous and a charter member of Act One.



Mrs. Beuret

Surviving are her husband of 66 years, J. Wayne Beuret of Auburn; two sons, Lawrence J. Beuret, M.D., of Rolling Meadows, Ill., and Kevin P. Beuret of Howe; two daughters and sons-in-law, Kathleen M. and Rudy Paquette of Elkhart and Mary Ann and Steve Liechty of LaGrange; three grandchildren, Alec Liechty of Portland, Ore., Meredith Liechty of LaGrange and Johnathon Soss of California.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dwight O. and Ann M. Benton; a brother, William B. Benton; her aunts, Mayme and Louise Weber, by whom she was raised; and a daughter, Mary Louise Beuret.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m. Additional calling will be Monday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Masses, the DeKalb County Food Bank or a charity of the donor's choice.

Lawrence Weidler

STURGIS, Mich. — Lawrence A. "Bud" Weidler, 66, of Sturgis, Mich., died Thursday, Nov. 30, 2006, at 7:05 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Weidler worked as a machinist at Sutton Tool Service in Sturgis for 32 years, retiring in 2003. He was a former member of the DeKalb Boxing Club.

He was born Aug. 6, 1940, in Garrett to Lester and Nellie (DePew) Weidler. They preceded him in death.

He married Judy E. Shearer on July 3, 1971, in Kalamazoo, Mich. She survives in Sturgis.

Also surviving are a son, Clifford L. Weidler of Sturgis; a daughter and son-in-law, Shirley and Robert Tillmon of Sturgis; and two grandchildren, Kayla Rose Tillmon and Rayden Quincy Tillmon, both of Sturgis.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with James Shearer officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Sunday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a cancer research facility of the donor's choice.

Jack Donahue

WATERLOO — Jack Alan Donahue, 50, of Waterloo, died Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Donahue worked as the manager of the apartment building in which he lived. Before that, he worked as a circus performer. Dr. Frankenstein was one of his stage characters when he was with the World of Wonders Circus.

He was born Jan. 12, 1956, in Long Island, N.Y.

Surviving are a son and a daughter, a sister in Texas and two brothers, one in Texas and one in New York.

A memorial service will be Monday at 6 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be at a later date.

Fern DeGraw

ASHLEY — Fern L. DeGraw, 80, of Ashley died Thursday, Nov. 30, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She had retired after 21 years from the mushroom farm near Howe.

A native of Hicksville, Ohio, she was a member of Ashley United Methodist Church.

She was born Aug. 26, 1926, to Glenn and Catherine L. (Saylor) Wallace.

On Jan. 10, 1953, she married Frank DeGraw. He died Dec. 29, 1976.

Surviving are two sons and one daughter-in-law, Glenn and Mary DeGraw of Waterloo and Donald DeGraw of Ashley; two daughters and a son-in-law, Linda and Ken Schulthess of Ashley and Iris Morton of Angola; a sister, Wava Jo McClish of Crossville, Tenn.; 12 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death in addition to her husband were a grandson, a stepgrandson and a great-grandchild.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Johnson Funeral Home, 612 N. Main St., Hudson, with Pastor Becky Brault officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to Johnson@bnin.net.

Kathryn Hahn

KENDALLVILLE — Kathryn L. Hahn, 85, died Friday, Dec. 1, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hahn was a homemaker and member of the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley. She was a life member of VFW Post 2749 Auxillary and American Legion Post 86 Auxiliary, both in Kendallville. She enjoyed fishing, camping and spending time with her family.

Mrs. Hahn was born April 28, 1921, in Garrett to Dennis and Hilda H. (Griffin) Brogan.

She married Thomas Freeman Hahn on Dec. 23, 1939, in Crown Point, and he preceded her in death on April 2, 1994, after 54 years of marriage.

Surviving are a daughter, Janet Miller of Hometown; a son, Michael Duane Hahn of Hometown; five grandchildren and their spouses, Jane Spurgeon of Fort Wayne, Master Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Lynn Miller and Kay Miller of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, Rex Miller Jr. and Peggy Miller of Kendallville, Kevin and Christina Miller of Avilla, and Geoff Hahn of Gurnee, Ill., 15 great grandchildren and four great great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Bertha Kurtz.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville. The Rev. Sam Weimer will officiate. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be Monday from 3-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley.

Casketbearers will be members of Kendallville VFW Post 2749.

To view a video tribute or send condolences to the family, visit www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Grace Teusch

FORT WAYNE — Grace A. Teusch, 90, died Friday, Dec. 1, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Fort Wayne and was a homemaker and a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Donald and Linda Teusch and James A. and Diane Teusch, all of Fort Wayne, and John L. and Judy Teusch of Palm Harbor, Fla.; a daughter and son-in-law, Karen Ann and Tom Graves of Spencerville; a daughter-in-law, Linda R. Teusch of Ossian; a sister, Pauline Wolffer of Fort Wayne; 15 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren, four great-great grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren, one stepgreat-grandchild and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles H. Teusch, on March 30, 1998; a son, Richard, in 2000; and a great grandchild, McKensey Leffer.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1910 Hale Ave., Fort Wayne with Father Tim Wrozek officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 2-8 p.m. at Mungovan and Sons Memorial Chapel, 2114 S. Calhoun St., with a vigil service at 4 p.m., and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Masses.

Dennis Thrush

GARRETT — Dennis Dale Thrush, 56, of Garrett died Thursday, Nov. 30, 2006, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Thrush was a conductor on the CSX Railroad for 29 years. He served on the USS Proteus while in the U. S. Navy from 1971-73.

He was a 1969 graduate of Garrett High School and a member of the Altarstar United Methodist Church in rural Garrett. He was an avid fisherman, specializing in ice fishing, and a league bowler for 35 years.

He was born Oct. 7, 1950, in Garrett to Albert Heitz and Dorothy B. (Lytle) Thrush. His mother survives in Garrett.

He married Sherry Ann Griffin on May 14, 1977 in Garrett. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Graig Alan and Allison Thrush and Todd Dennis and Katie Thrush, all of Garrett; two sisters-in-law, Diana Lynn Thrush of Garrett and Karen Sue Patton and her husband, Noah Patton, of Corunna; a brother-in-law, Jeffrey Alan Stelzer of Auburn; and six grandchildren, Nathaniel James, Savannah Jordon, Dakota Faith, Camron Jae, Dalton Dennis and Marissa Renae.

He was preceded in death by his father and one brother, Bill Thrush.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Feller and Clark Funeral Home, South Center Street, Auburn, with the Rev. Clare Jewell officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery, Garrett, with a graveside service by the Garrett post of the American Legion.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Lakewood Park Baptist Church Deacons' Fund.

Judy Derrow Nichols

AUBURN — Judy N. Derrow Nichols, 68, died Friday, Dec. 1, 2006, at her home in Auburn.

She was a member of the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley and was valedictorian of her class at Ivy Tech.

She was born in Auburn and was a teller clerk for the license branch.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Rex and Shirley Derrow and Todd and Marcia Derrow, all of Auburn; three daughters and sons-in-law, Patricia and Curtis Shumaker and Jolynn and Jerry Keen, all of Waterloo, and Debbie and Ron Hoover of Hicksville, Ohio; 11 grandchildren; and 19 great grandchildren; two sisters, Joan Pubula of Ashley and Jan Hanys of Grand Haven, Mich.; and one brother, John Phelps of Hamilton.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Mary Phelps; her first husband, Walter Derrow; her second husband, David Nichols; grandchildren Matt Johnson and John Derrow; and a brother, Jay Phelps.

Services will be Monday at 6 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with Pastor Sam Neimen officiating.

Calling will be Monday from 4-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Diabetes Association.

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She was a life member of VFW Post 2749 Auxillary and American Legion Post 86 Auxiliary, both in Kendallville. She enjoyed fishing, camping and spending time with her family.

Mrs. Hahn was born April 28, 1921, in Garrett to Dennis and Hilda H. (Griffin) Brogan.

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Surviving are a daughter, Janet Miller of Hometown; a son, Michael Duane Hahn of Hometown; five grandchildren and their spouses, Jane Spurgeon of Fort Wayne, Chief Petty Officer Lynn Miller and Kay Miller of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, Rex Miller Jr. and Peggy Miller of Kendallville, Kevin and Christina Miller of Avilla, and Geoff Hahn of Gurnee, Ill.; 15 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Bertha Kurtz.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. The Rev. Sam

Weimer will officiate. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange. Casketbearers will be members of Kendallville VFW Post 2749.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are to the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley.

To view a video tribute or send condolences to the family, visit www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Mary Ellen Sexton

AUBURN — Mary Ellen Sexton, 71, of Auburn died Saturday, Dec. 2, 2006, at Findlay, Ohio.

Mrs. Sexton was born Nov. 5, 1935, in Grundy, Va. She graduated from Grundy High School in 1953. She



Mrs. Sexton

worked for Essex Corp. for five years and at the Virginia Cafeteria in Dayton, Ohio, for 10 years. She cleaned homes in the area for 15 years.

She loved spending time with her grandchildren and gardening.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey and Denise Sexton of Findlay, Ohio; four grandchildren, Jacob, Dylan, Isaac and Olivia Sexton, all of Findlay, Ohio; and five sisters, Ruth Presley of Fairborn, Ohio, Edna Street of Dayton, Ohio, Oakla Lockhart of Oracle, Ariz., Pearl McKinney of Auburn and Betty Burns of London, Ky.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Rawling Lester, and a sister, Viola Rubin.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in Souls Harbor Assembly of God, Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Wednesday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church.

Robert Everitt

ANGOLA — Robert E. "Moose" Everitt, 82, of Angola died Sunday, Dec. 3, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Everitt worked at Dana Weatherhead in Angola, retiring in 1978. He was



Mr. Everitt

a World War II veteran of the Army Air Corps and a member of American Legion Post 423 in Orland and the Angola Post of Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a lifetime charter member of the National World War II Memorial.

He was a 22-year veteran of the Hamilton Fire Department and was one of the founding members of the Hamilton Fish and Game Club.

He was born Dec. 31, 1923, in Hamilton to Arden and Lucile (Fifer) Everitt. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are a son, Ron Everitt of Angola; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sandy and Tom Hassett of Fremont and Marcia and Jim Cather of Hamilton; three grandchildren, Jeff Zeigler of Las Vegas, Nev., Thad Cather of Holland, Mich., and Josh Cather of Hamilton; two stepgrandchildren, Jason Hassett of Indianapolis and Nicole Hassett of Auburn; a sister, Alice Aldrich of Hamilton; and friends and companions, Annabelle Forester of Texas and Sharon Warsop of Angola.

He was preceded in death by his former wife, Mildred Everitt, on Dec. 5, 1997, and a sister, Leona Manahan.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Al Black will officiate. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 3-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hamilton Fire Department or the Elliot Manor Council at Angola.

Ryan Gilbert

CORUNNA — Ryan L. Gilbert, 17, of Corunna died Sunday, Dec. 3, 2006, at his home.

He was a student in his junior year at DeKalb High School. He worked part-time at the Auburn Cord

Duesenberg Museum and also at the Ponderosa Steak House in Auburn.

He was a member of the Dayspring Community Church youth group and the DeKalb High School marching band and pep band. He was involved in the high school's work ethics certificate program and was a volunteer for Hunters Helping Hunters. He played indoor soccer at the Classic City Center for Arts and Athletics and had played on the DeKalb High School football team during his freshman year. He was planning to attend a missions trip to New Orleans during Christmas break.

He was born July 29, 1989, in Fort Wayne to Jim and Cheryl (McMaken) Gilbert. They survive in Corunna.

Also surviving are a sister, Rachelle Gilbert of Corunna; his grandparents, Joan and Roger Inlow of Waterloo, Harry and Carolyn Gilbert of Garrett and Carol McMaken of Butler; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by a grandfather, Howard McMaken, and a grandmother, Kathryn Gilbert.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Pastor Bill Lyne officiating. Burial will be in the Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Ryan Gilbert Family.



Ryan Gilbert

Virginia Bell

SCIO, Ore. — Virginia Elizabeth Wilks Bell, 93, of Scio died Friday, Nov. 24, 2006, in Salem, Ore.

She was born in Kendallville on Sept. 17, 1913, to Albert J. and Addie M. Wilks. She grew up in Indiana and married Milford Ray Bell of South Milford.

In 1938, the family moved to Newberg, Ore. They farmed successfully in Newberg and Carrolls, Wash., for a few years and then moved to a farm at Avilla in 1941, growing many diversified crops and cattle.

In 1949 the family again moved to Oregon where they continued to farm. To subsidize the farm income, Mrs. Bell worked at the Stayton cannery for 25 years until her retirement.

Surviving are her children, Raymond and Edna Bell of Phoenix, Ore., Janet and William Long of Salem, Ore., Marianne Scharping of Seattle and Donald and Phyllis Bell of Scio; nine grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and her loyal feline companion, George W.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Milford Ray Bell in 1976; a son, Bernard Earl Bell, in 1963; two sisters, Alberta Lewis of Sequim, Wash., and Kathryn DeLucenay of Avilla; and a granddaughter, LuAnn Long of Salem in 2004.

Services were in Albany, Ore.

Auburn, Indiana

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being republished with additional information about surviving relatives.

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Mrs. Sexton was born Nov. 5, 1935, in Grundy, Va. She graduated from Grundy High School in 1953. She

worked for Essex Corp. for five years and at the Virginia Cafeteria in Dayton, Ohio, for 10 years. She cleaned homes in the area for 15 years.

She loved spending time with her grandchildren and gardening.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey and Denise Sexton of Findlay, Ohio; four grandchildren, Jacob, Dylan, Isaac and Olivia Sexton, all of Findlay, Ohio; five sisters, Ruth Presley of Fairborn, Ohio, Edna Street of Dayton, Ohio, Oakla Lockhart of Oracle, Ariz., Pearl McKinney of Auburn and Betty Burns of London, Ky.; a brother, Therman Lester of Oracle, Ariz.; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins in the DeKalb County area.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Rawling Lester, and a sister, Viola Rubin.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in Souls Harbor Assembly of God, Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be today from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Wednesday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church.



Mrs. Sexton

Longtime educator James McKibben dies

LAGRANGE — Former Parkside Elementary School principal and 2006

LaGrange County Citizen of the Year

James V. McKibben Jr., 79, of LaGrange died Sunday, Dec. 3, 2006, at his residence.



Mr. McKibben

Mr. McKibben retired in 1988 as principal of Parkside, which is part of the Lakeland School Corp.

He had also taught at Yorktown High School where he was the coach of the JV basketball and baseball teams, and served as principal at Maconaquah High School in Bunker Hill, Fremont High School in Fremont, and Union Township High School in Huntington.

He moved to LaGrange in 1971 from Bunker Hill.

Mr. McKibben was a World War II U.S. Navy veteran.

He was a member of the LaGrange First United Methodist Church in LaGrange and sang in the church choir.

He was also a member of LaGrange American Legion Post No. 215, member and former president of the LaGrange County Retired Teachers Association and currently served as a state committee member for the group. He was a member and former president of the Area III principal's association and the association's

Principal of the Year; a member of the LaGrange County Community Choir; and had performed with People to People Choir tours through Europe in 1973, 1983, 1985.

He was a volunteer for the LaGrange County Food and Clothes Basket; and the United Way, where he received the 2006 Indiana United Way Volunteer of the Year Award.

Mr. McKibben was born on Feb. 7, 1927, in Yorktown to J. Victor and Thelma Florence (Williams) McKibben Sr. They precede him in death. He was married to Virginia C. Wilbern on Dec. 31, 1948, in Huntington and she survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law James V. III and Jody McKibben of Seneca, S.C., and Mark L. and Michelle McKibben of Chesterton; and five grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the LaGrange First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Dexter Garman officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be held from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Wednesday at the Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Food and Clothes Basket or the LaGrange First United Methodist Church Music Department.

Condolences may be sent online to www.frurip-mayfuneralhome.com.

Vernon Miser

FORT WAYNE — Vernon D. Miser, 81, died Sunday, Dec. 3, 2006, at the VA Medical Center in Indianapolis.

Born in Fort Wayne, Mr. Miser was a salesman for Sears for 17 years, retiring in 1989. He was a Navy veteran of World War II and a member of TPA and Eagles 2324.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Stephen and Roxanne Miser of Ossian and Dennis and Estela Miser of Fort Wayne; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Linda Hamman of Auburn, Pamela and Joseph Jordan of Noblesville and Lisa and Kevin Biddlecome of Fort Wayne; 21 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren; and a brother, Ray Miser of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Shirleen, and two sons and a daughter-in-law, Ron and Cheryl Miser and James Miser.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave., Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Mark LaBonde officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Virginia Cooper

AUBURN — Virginia Rose Cooper, 78, of Auburn, died Sunday, Dec. 3, 2006, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Mrs. Cooper worked at Rieke Corp. and then managed Lane's store in Auburn.

She was born Dec. 15, 1927, in Corunna to Charles and Elsie Mae (Hathaway) Shipe. They preceded her in death.

She married Robert Cooper on April 11, 1970, in Auburn, and he survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Tommie Lee Llinas of Encino, Calif., and Ginger Rose and Edward Kennedy of Garrett; four sisters, Iris Reed of Markam, Ill., Violet Clevenger of Helmer, Charlotte Robke of Fort Garrett and Dixie Cool of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Vernon Shipe.

Private family services will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett at a later date.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, is handling arrangements.

Grace Manista

PARMA HEIGHTS, Ohio — Grace L. Manista, 76, formerly of Auburn, died Saturday, Dec. 2, 2006, in Parma, Ohio.

She was born Aug. 9, 1930, in Akron, Ohio, to Walter and Ann (Mickun) Constant, who preceded her in death.

Her husband, Gordon Manista, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Linda and Jim Cunningham, Nancy and Steven Kucharski and Lisa Manista; a son and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey and Dawn Manista; six grandchildren; a sister, Jean Phillips; and a brother, Walter Constant.

A memorial service will be Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in Busch Funeral Home, 7501 Ridge Road, Parma, Ohio.

Calling will be from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Cremation arrangements were handled by Busch Funeral and Crematory Services.

To send condolences, visit www.buschfuneral.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY IS

being reprinted to include new information about a surviving relative.

Vernon Miser

FORT WAYNE — Vernon D. Miser, 81, died Sunday, Dec. 3, 2006, at the VA Medical Center in Indianapolis.

Born in Fort Wayne, Mr. Miser was a salesman for Sears for 17 years, retiring in 1989. He was a Navy veteran of World War II and a member of TPA and Eagles 2324.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Stephen and Roxanne Miser of Ossian and Dennis and Estela Miser of Fort Wayne; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Linda Hamman of Auburn, Pamela and Joseph Jordan of Noblesville and Lisa and Kevin Biddlecome of Fort Wayne; a daughter-in-law, Cheryl Miser; 21 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; and a brother, Ray Miser of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Shirleen, and two sons, Ron and James Miser.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave., Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Mark LaBonde officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Linda Ritchie

KENDALLVILLE — Linda L. Ritchie, 62, of Kendallville, died Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She was a CNA at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett for 15 years before retiring in 2002.

She was born Dec. 28, 1943, to Kenneth and Betty Lou (Pitney) Shaffer. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons, Kenneth J. Brotherton of Bloomfield and Andrew A. Brotherton of Kendallville; a grandson, Joshua Brotherton of Bloomfield; a brother, Fred Shaffer of Wapakoneta, Ohio; and a sister-in-law, Emma Shaffer of Garrett.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Kenneth, Bill and Steve Shaffer.

There will be no services or calling.

Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, is handling arrangements.

Judy McNabb

ST. JOE — Judy Krause McNabb, 64, died Thursday, Nov. 23, 2006, in St. Joe.

Born in Huntington, she was an assembler at Dana Corp. for six years.

Surviving are her husband, Thomas B. McNabb of Auburn; three grandchildren; a daughter, Joanna Culler of St. Joe; a brother, Bud Johnson of Huntington; her mother, Vera Johnson of Rome City; and a sister, Sandra Forsthoffer of Rome City.

Services have taken place.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Society.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, handled arrangements.

Walter Richter

ASHLEY — Walter J. Richter, 86, of rural Ashley, died Friday, Dec. 8, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Richter was a lifetime Smithfield Township farmer. In his retirement, he enjoyed woodworking as a hobby.

He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Waterloo and was involved with its Harvest House. He served on the Smithfield Township Advisory Board for eight years, was the DeKalb Farm Mutual Insurance Co. director for eight years and was supervisor for the DeKalb County Soil Conservation District. He served on the Smithfield Township School Building Commission for Ashley Schools for four years and was a former 4-H leader.

He was born June 11, 1920, in Smithfield Township of DeKalb County to Lawrence and Caroline (Pfefferkorn) Richter. They preceded him in death.

He married Ruth Orwig on June 27, 1944, in St. Michael's Catholic Church. She survives in Ashley.

Also surviving are five sons and daughters-in-law, Dr. Ronald and Colleen Richter of Fort Wayne, Francis and Judy Richter of Ashley, Dr. Lawrence and Ellen Richter of Terre Haute, James and Gerrie Richter of Downingtown, Pa., and David and Sue Richter of Columbus; a daughter and son-in-law, Jeanette and Dr. Peter Goldsbrough of West Lafayette; 11 grandchildren, Dr. Heather Richter, Michael Richter and his wife, Meredith, Dr. Joseph Richter, Mark Richter, John Richter, Scott Richter, Matt Richter, Brian Richter, Clair Goldsbrough, Tom Richter and Ian Goldsbrough; and a great-granddaughter, Amelia Rose Richter.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Augustine Richter.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church, 1098 C.R. 39, Waterloo, with Father David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with a rosary service at 5 p.m., and Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Michael's Catholic Church or the Parkinson's Disease Foundation.

Ruby Paulen

AUBURN — Ruby Paulen, 79, died Friday, Dec. 8, 2006, at Wesley Health Care Center in Auburn.

Born in Bolyn, Ky., she retired from Rieke Corp. in 1986 with 20 years of service. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Maxine Coleman Circle at the church.

Surviving are her husband, Robert W. Paulen of Auburn, and grandsons David Baughman of Kokomo and Charles Baughman of Angola.

Preceding her in death were a son, Michael Paulen; a daughter, Linda Baughman; her parents, Nathen and Elizabeth Brewer; and a sister, Ellen Stone.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in the First United Methodist Church, 1207 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with the Rev. Ted Jansen and the Rev. Dale Williams officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the First United Methodist Church or Wee Haven Workshop.

Quiet man spread sobriety

Family, friends found wisdom in Shelby Miller

BY BILL GISEL

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KENDALLVILLE — To members of the Alcoholics Anonymous community in northeastern Indiana, Shelby Miller was an “old-timer.” He had been sober 23 years when he died Nov. 25 at his home in Kendallville.

Much more than a recovered alcoholic, at only 66 he was not old by today’s standards. In that he was wise, patient and respectful and had raised a family of five successful and well-liked children, he was a seasoned veteran of a life well-lived.

To his wife, Barbara (also known as Joni, BJ or — to Shelby — “the old lady”), he was “good, hard-working and caring. He was my best friend, my better-half,” Mrs. Miller said.

“He was a quiet, private man who felt flowery words were unnecessary, that his actions should show his feelings,” she added. Mrs. Miller considered her husband a survivor, since he had made it through appendicitis, heart surgery and alcoholism. Through tears, she said, “But, he couldn’t beat cancer.”

Mrs. Miller said her husband always said that “everyone dies, but not before their time.” When his time came, Mr. Miller accepted the inevitable, as he had learned in his recovery from alcoholism that he must do. (In the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous, alcoholics are told: “Acceptance is the answer to all my problems today” and that people are powerless over other people, and the events of life.)



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Shelby Miller, left, is pictured in 1995 with his son, Jonathan, and granddaughter Celia Freeman of LaOtto. Mr. Miller died Nov. 25 after a two-year battle with lung cancer. His son, Jonathan, died Nov. 15, 2005.

*“I am a good person
because of my dad.”*

Amanda Miller
Daughter

Mr. Miller’s youngest child, Amanda, recalled that she was bothered as a child that her father was so quiet. As she aged, she said, she learned that “that is just the way Dad was. He was the kindest man I have ever known.”

“He never lifted a finger to me,” she continued. “He left the dirty work to Mom! Dad just didn’t have it in him.”

Better known as “Mandy” and to her dad as “the dark-haired stepchild,” (her siblings were all towheads, she explained) Amanda Miller recalled a summer’s day spent with her father on Adams Lake, where she drove the family speedboat until it ran out of gas.

“Dad handed me a broken oar and smoked a cigarette, while I rowed to shore,” she recalled. Her dad’s quiet reserve, she said, had the power to discipline, shame and teach.

Amanda said after her dad was diagnosed with lung cancer, she chided him about his cigarette habit, and wondered why he hadn’t quit.

“Tell me I will live forever, and I will,” he told her.

“I am a good person because of my dad,” Amanda told friends and family at her father’s funeral service Wednesday. “Like him, I try to do the right thing. I will miss his quiet presence; I am very proud to be his daughter.”

One of his AA friends, Bill H. of Kendallville, said Mr. Miller “was the best friend I ever had in my life.” He said they went to AA meetings together three times a week. “He was very influential in my sobriety,” he said.

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Harry Wickline

HAMILTON — Harry Davis Wickline, 74, of Hamilton died Saturday, Dec. 9, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Wickline was self-employed and ran a concessions stand.

He was born March 9, 1932, in Blacksburg, Va. to Robert and Junell (Hilton) Wickline.

He married Betty Jean Steffen in Kingwood, Va. on Nov. 11, 1954. His second wife was Rosalie Ann Treesh, whom he married Feb. 18, 1968, in DeKalb County. Both wives preceded him in death.

Surviving are five sons, Jeff, David and Robert Wickline, all of Garrett, and Walter and Bobby Wickline, both of Butler; four daughters, Ilene Linder of Hamilton and Linda Mann, Nancy Smith and Georgia Hickman, all of Garrett; two stepsons, William Fry of Butler and Kevin Fry of Florida; a sister, Katherine Carter of Peterstown, W.Va.; 21 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by his parents; his stepmother, Rose Wickline; a sister, Effie Shuey; and two brothers, Arthur and Tommy Wickline.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett, with the Rev. Al Black officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the family.

Arrangements are being handled by Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Kim Powell

ASHTABULA, Ohio — Kim Davis Powell, 64, died Nov. 7, 2006, in Ashtabula, Ohio, of kidney cancer.

He was born in Auburn on Aug. 12, 1942, the son of Lowell and Jayne Powell. The Powell family lived on West Seventh Street until 1956, when they moved to Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mr. Powell loved his hometown, and his memories of his childhood and early adolescence in Auburn were very special. He attended Harrison Elementary and Auburn Junior High School. He had many friends, with whom he played baseball and basketball, attended parties, and went to the YMCA. He and his family were active in the Methodist church.

He graduated from Mount Lebanon High School and Pennsylvania State University. He worked for IBM for many years as a teacher and trainer in New York, Washington, D.C., and North Carolina.

After taking early retirement from IBM, he returned to school at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro for a master's degree in counseling. There he met his wife, Martha, whom he married May 22, 1993.

Mr. Powell held various positions as a counselor and math teacher in Greensboro until 2001. At that time, he and his wife moved to Colorado Springs, Colo., to attend Charis Bible College.

At the time of his death, he

was the dean of students at Charis Bible College of Chicago.

He was diagnosed with cancer in August 2006, and in October he and his wife moved to Ashtabula, Ohio, to live with their son and his wife so that they could help with his care.

He was very happy to have joined his friends at the last two reunions of the Auburn High School Class of 1960, even though he did not

graduate with them. His early years in Auburn helped to shape a very kind, loving, personable, humorous man who was gifted with the ability to encourage others. He carried the people of Auburn in his heart all the days of his life.

He is survived by his wife, Martha; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Derek and April Tapper of Ashtabula, Ohio, and Neil Tapper of Lexington, Ky.; one brother,

Jeffrey Powell of Bridgeville, Pa.; one sister, Toni Powell of Knoxville, Tenn.; three nephews and a niece. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial contributions may be made to Charis Bible College of Chicago, 747 N. Church Road, Suite C-4, Elmhurst, IL 60126.

Condolences may be sent to: Martha Powell, P.O. Box 3034, Ashtabula, OH 44005-3034.

Former Steuben official Kenneth Maugherman dies

ANGOLA — Kenneth Maugherman, 91, of Angola, died Saturday, Dec. 9, 2006, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Angola.

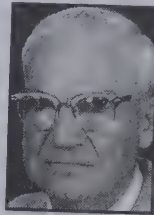
He was secretary-treasurer of Farmers Mutual Insurance Co., and worked as Steuben County treasurer for four years and Steuben County clerk for eight years. He also prepared income tax returns for clients for 57 years.

He graduated from Scott Center School in 1937 and attended Indiana University. He was a member of the Angola Christian Church and a 50-year member of the Angola Odd Fellows Lodge, joining in 1942. He was the oldest living treasurer and clerk of Steuben County.

He was born Oct. 11, 1915, in Scott Township, Steuben County, to John and Rhoda (Barker) Maugherman. On April 21, 1946, he married Donna Carpenter, and she survives in Angola.

Also surviving are a son and his wife, Dennis and Shirley Maugherman of Hanover, Md.; three daughters and their husbands, Debbra and Richard Miller and Julie A. and John Stevens of Angola and Dara J. and Terry Archbold of Fremont; a sister, Alma Lange; a brother-in-law and his wife, Bill and Gladys Carpenter; many nieces and nephews; 10 grandchildren, Angela

Nichols of Grand Rapids, Mich.; April Maugherman of West Olive, Mich.,



Mr. Maugherman

Amber VandeVosse of Hamilton Mich.; Troy Miller of Noblesville, Jaime Shields of Zionsville, Corey Archbold of Angola,

Christopher Archbold of Fremont, Bailey Archbold of Columbus, Ohio, Megan Stevens of Louisville, Ky., and William Stevens of Angola; and eight great-grandchildren, Brooke Smith, Marci VandeVosse, Xavier and Hunter Shields, Mackenzie and DeLaney Miller and Emma and Jack Archbold.

His parents; four brothers, Cletus, Jay, Dale and Willard Maugherman; two sisters, Eva Ward and Leona Carpenter; two half brothers, Orville and Starr Smith; and one half sister, Mabel Hollinger, preceded him in death.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. Jim Hulbert and the Rev. Sam Hoffman officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola. Memorials are to Regional Cancer Care Center of Angola; Cameron Home Health and Hospice; and Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Gladys Clear

AUBURN — Gladys Irene Clear, 80, of Auburn and formerly of Kendallville died Monday, Dec. 11, 2006, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

She was a homemaker and member of First Church of God in Kendallville.

For many years, Mrs. Clear baked cookies each week and delivered them to Sacred Heart Home in Avilla and was always thinking of other people.

Mrs. Clear enjoyed crafts, cooking, and baking.

She was born in Corunna on Jan. 25, 1926, to Ford Daniel and Luella Faye (Vian) Zerkle. She married Don Emorel Clear on Feb. 5, 1944, in the United Brethren Church parsonage in Corunna. He survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two daughters, Shelia Ulrey of Waterloo and Rochelle Williford of Kendallville; seven

grandchildren, Jerald Furrow of Waterloo, Daniel Furrow of Waterloo, Everett Furrow of Waterloo, Samuel Woods of Kendallville, Stan Woods of Kendallville, Jeremy Woods of Auburn and Danetta Hawk of Muncie; 20 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Pastor Jim Kane officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneral-home.com



Mrs. Clear

Glen Culbertson

OKEECHOBEE, Fla. — Glen Albert Culbertson, 91, of Okeechobee, Fla., died Monday, Dec. 11, 2006, at Raulerson Hospital.

Born Nov. 12, 1915, in Auburn, he had lived in Okeechobee for the past 11 years.

He enjoyed fishing and bowling. He was a lifetime member of the Moose and Elks lodges and was a member of the Eagles.

Surviving are his wife of 10 years, Rosie Culbertson; two stepsons, Mark Cook of Auburn and John P. Cook and his wife, Kathy, of Greenwood; two stepdaughters, Sarah K. Cook of Auburn and Judy L. Cook of Columbus, Ohio; and three grandchildren, Mark Heller, Debra Eberhard and Diana Dunkel.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Marsha Heller.

A memorial service will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Buxton Funeral Home Chapel, 110 N.E. 5th St., Okeechobee.

Memorials are to Good Shepherd Hospice of Highlands County, P.O. Box 1881, Sebring, FL 33871-1884.

Alice Burris

AUBURN — Alice Ann Burris, 67, of Auburn and formerly of Snow Lake, died Sunday, Dec. 10, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Burris was a registered nurse. She graduated from Parkview School of Nursing in 1960. She was a member of Clear Lake Lutheran Church and the church choir and the Fort Wayne Philharmonic Chorus.

She was born May 10, 1939, in Fort Wayne to Harold and Clover (Bright) Drage. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are her husband, Robert K. Burris; two sons and daughters-in-law, David M. and Dawn Burris of Waterloo and Brent A. and Nancy Burris of Auburn; eight grandchildren, Malorie, Grace, Madison, Jacob, Graham, Mary, Daniel and Luke Burris; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Rebecca J. and James Miller of Fort Wayne and Janet S. and Michael Lewinski of Auburn; and a sister-in-law, Nancy K. Johnson of Madison, Wis.

Services will be Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in Clear Lake Lutheran Church, Clear Lake, with the Rev. Mark Gaertner officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, and Thursday from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Learning and Development Center at Trinity English Lutheran Church or to Clear Lake Lutheran Church.



Mrs. Burris

Marja Marcelle Voss

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WATERLOO — Marja Marcelle Voss, 96, of Waterloo died Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Voss was a teacher of music, art and Latin for 39 years. She taught in Waterloo for most of her career, but also worked in St. Joe, Fort Wayne and Auburn, and retired from DeKalb High School in 1974 as the only Latin teacher the school ever had.

**Mrs. Voss**

Music was her passion.

She traveled with her choirs all over the country and to performances on television.

Mrs. Voss was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church, where she was the choir director for nearly 60 years.

She was the valedictorian of Butler High School's class of 1928. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Indiana Central College in 1932 and her master's degree from Ball State in 1948.

She was born Dec. 3, 1910, in Butler to Carl and Emma Viola (Zirkle) Smith.

She married Wayne C. Voss on Nov. 25, 1937, in Butler. He died Sept. 3, 1984.

Surviving are a daughter and two sons-in-law, Karen D. and Ronald E. Feller of Waterloo and Jan David of Kendallville; a brother, Walter Smith of Auburn; seven grandchildren and their spouses, Kim and Jack Clark, David and Laurie Feller, Kris Feller, Rex and Jane Feller, Andy and Krissy David, Nick and Katie David, and Rocky David; nine great-grandchildren, Karri Clark, Erin Potter and her husband, Zack, Justin Clark, Korri Clark, Megan Marcelle Feller, Luke Feller, Kayla Feller, Rylee JoAnn David and Rae JoAnn David; and six great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death

by a daughter, JoAnn David, and a sister, Kathryn Miller, in addition to her husband.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in the Waterloo United Methodist Church. The Rev. Charles Smith, her nephew, and the Rev. Rex Charles will officiate.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

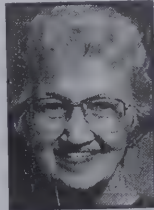
Memorials are to the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

Christine Rodgers

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GARRETT — Christine J. Rodgers, 87, of Garrett died Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

Mrs. Rodgers was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic

**Mrs. Rodgers**

Church in Garrett, Saints Peter and Paul Church in Merrillville, the Garrett Garden Club and the Heimach Senior Center.

She was born July 24, 1919, in Star Junction, Pa., to Joseph and Mary (Punyi) Banfy. They preceded her in death.

She married Dean W. Rodgers on Nov. 17, 1945. He also preceded her in death.

She lived in Merrillville from 1951 to 2002. After her husband died, she moved to Garrett to live with her son.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James and Suzette Rodgers of Garrett; five grandchildren, Sarah Rodgers of Garrett, Anke and Silke of Germany and Espen and Stian of Norway; and a sister, Eleanor Field of Portage.

She was preceded in death by a brother, David Banfy, and a sister, Elizabeth Condeux.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. (Central Standard Time) in Saints Peter and Paul Church, Merrillville, with Father Dennis Teles officiating. Burial will be in Calumet Park Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 5-7 p.m. (local time) at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and Saturday from 9-11 a.m. (Central Standard Time) at Saints Peter and Paul Church, Merrillville.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic Church or Saints Peter and Paul Church.

Condolences are to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

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William Boden

AUBURN — William "Bill" Boden, 77, a resident of Auburn and Pine Island, Fla., died Dec. 6, 2006, in Cape Coral, Fla., following a brief illness.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Rozelle-Johnson Funeral Service of Anderson is handling arrangements.

Mrs. Black lived on her own terms

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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ANGOLA — Eleanor Gladys Watts was feisty from a young age.

"Her name was Eleanor Gladys, but she hated it," said her daughter, Jan Wilson. "Her father called her his 'little ginger pie,' so she decided she'd go by Ginger."

And she did. No one, Jan said, ever called Ginger Watts by her given name.

"She'd tell people her name was Eleanor G., but that she liked to be called Ginger," Jan said. "Everyone just assumed Ginger was her middle name, but it wasn't."

Changing her name to suit her wasn't the last thing Ginger Morley Black did because it was what she wanted to do. She was a strong, independent woman who loved her family and friends fiercely. She wasn't afraid of hard work and she welcomed a challenge.

She lived her life on her own terms.

After a very busy, full 85 years, Ginger Morley Black passed away on Nov. 20.

Jan smiled when she described her mother.

"She was five feet tall. She always had jet-black hair that was piled on top of her head, and she always wore long, dangly earrings," she said. "And she never, never left the house without lip color on."

Ginger and her first husband, Robert Morley, were married for 29 years. They owned concessions stands at Circle Park in Hamilton and Buck Lake Ranch in the 1940s and 1950s, and went on to own the Top Hat and Azar's restaurants in Angola.

Ginger and Robert Morley drifted apart as the years went on, and they divorced when Jan was a senior in high school. In 1969, Ginger married again. She wed Robert "Blackie" Black in 1969.

"They were dancing fools," Jan said with a smile. "They were out and about all the time. They probably knew every restaurant special in the county."



Ginger Morley Black is pictured here with her first husband, Robert Morley, outside the Top Hat restaurant. The Morleys owned several eateries throughout Steuben County from the 1940s to the 1970s. This photo, the Morleys' daughter Jan said, was probably taken in the 1950s.

Ginger opened her heart to Blackie's three daughters, and became a second mother to them. Although Blackie's children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren lived in Alaska, he and Ginger made a point to maintain close ties.

"She and Blackie went to Alaska and they came here to visit," Ginger said.

Ginger adored Jan and Mac's three children, and became a doting grandmother to them.

"She was very proud," Jan said.

Ginger was a woman of varied interests. She was one of the first female pilots in Steuben County ("I wanted to be a stewardess and she said, 'Why not be a pilot?'" Jan said). She was "obsessed with her poodles" (her beloved pet Pickles, who was 15, was put to sleep right after Ginger died). She loved to play bingo and bowl.

"She started bowling in the 1950s and bowled until she was 80 years old," Jan said.

To keep her raven hair looking chic, Ginger had it done once a week.

"She had a standing hair appointment at Studio (II Creations in Angola) every Thursday at 9 a.m.," Jan said.

Jan went through a divorce some years back. She married her second husband, Mark Wilson, four years ago.

"He loved my mother," Jan said. "I feel blessed because he was so good to mom."

Although she retired from the restaurant industry, Ginger always had a love for cooking. Each year, she baked 30-50 pecan pies, which she gave away as gifts for the holidays. In the past few years, Jan had been helping her mother with the pies.

"I was delivering pies when she passed," Jan said. "I honestly believe that she died when she did because she wanted me to think of her every time I saw a pecan pie."

One of Ginger's greatest loves was being a mother. She had two children of her own (her son, Mac, died in 1968), and also was a foster parent.

"She was always a mom to all the neighborhood kids," Jan said.

Jan was a special education teacher for the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County for 34 years. She retired this past year so she could "take care of Mama."

"I'm so glad we had that time," she said.

Jan said she can sum up her mother in three words: Feisty, spicy and spunky.

"And she was all of those things," she said lovingly, "until the day she died."

Norma Ballard

SPENCER — Norma Jean Ballard, 74, died Friday, Dec. 15, 2006, at McCormicks Creeks in Spencer.

A former Wolcottville resident, she was born in Sturgis, Mich. on May 17, 1932, to LeRoy and Pearl (Burkhead) Ballard.



Ms. Ballard

She was

a homemaker who enjoyed watching World Wrestling Entertainment on television and listening to music. She enjoyed her outdoor swing and playing cards, checkers and dancing. She was a member of the Mount Calvary Methodist Church in Tulip.

Surviving are a brother, LeRoy Basil Ballard of Wolcottville; two nieces, Shelia and Bobby Keene of Wolcottville and Sharon New of Garrett; six great nieces; Jackie and Jason Ridgway of Owensburg, Susan and Todd Patrick of Ligonier, Shelia Carol Patrick, Bobbi Jean and Anna Keene, all of Wolcottville, and Sandy Jo Walter of Warsaw.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, Goldie and Amanda May, and three brothers, Cliff, Fred and Jim Ballard.

Calling will be Monday from 10-11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Sonny Stanley officiating. Burial will take place at Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home.

Christopher Sommers

CHICAGO — Petty Officer 3rd Class BM3 Christopher C. Sommers, 22, was killed in a single-car crash in Mokena, Ill., on Dec. 8, 2006.

He was serving in the U.S. Coast Guard, stationed in Chicago. He previously served on the Icebreaker Mackinaw in Cheboygan, Mich.



Sommers

He was born Oct. 6, 1984, to Scott and Robin Sommers, who survive in New Lenox, Ill. A sister, Jamie, is attending the University of Southern Illinois in Carbondale. His paternal grandparents are Clifford and Nancy Sommers of Waterloo. His maternal grandparents are Kenneth and Gaynelle Voreis of Vermillion, Ohio.

Services were held Tuesday at the United Methodist Church in New Lenox, Illinois. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Rockford, Ohio, on Wednesday with full military honors. Members of the U.S. Coast Guard served as pallbearers.

Condolences may be placed on a guest book on the Web site Legacy.com.

Odes Cox

WAYLAND, Ky. — Odes Cox, 78, died Saturday, Dec. 16, 2006, at his residence in Wayland, Ky.

Mr. Cox lived for many years in Kendallville before moving back to Wayland after his wife's death.

**Mr. Cox**

He retired from Lane Foundry, and worked as a coal miner in Kentucky in his earlier days.

He enjoyed traveling between Kendallville and Kentucky to see his family, and watching black and white cowboy movies, especially John Wayne and Gene Autry.

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Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Leslie and Brenda Cox of Wayland, Ky., Michael and Lisa Cox of Auburn, and Lionel and Anita Cox of Corunna; four daughters and four sons-in-law, Lila and Greg Logan of Auburn, Rae Shella and Steve Pierce of Kendallville, and Linda and Darrell Hicks of Corunna; a sister, Tina Conley of Kendallville; 29 grandchildren; and 54 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, a grandson, Jeremiah Hicks, a great-granddaughter, Lilia Smith, brothers Curt Sells, Willie Cox and Dennis and Denver Gibson, and his parents preceded him in death.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Harbor of Love Baptist Church, 2353 S. Lima Road, Kendallville, with Pastor Charles Mosley officiating. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery, Corunna.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday at the church with a service at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is
being reprinted to include
additional information.

Odes Cox

WAYLAND, Ky. — Odes Cox, 78, died Saturday, Dec. 16, 2006, at his residence in Wayland, Ky.

Mr. Cox lived for many years in Kendallville before moving back to Wayland after his wife's death.



Mr. Cox

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He enjoyed traveling between Kendallville and Kentucky to see his family, and watching black and white cowboy movies, especially John Wayne and Gene Autry.

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Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Leslie and Brenda Cox of Wayland, Ky., Michael and Lisa Cox of Auburn, and Lionel and Anita Cox of Corunna; four daughters and four sons-in-law, Lila and Greg Logan of Auburn, Rae Shella and Steve Pierce of Kendallville, Linda and Darrell Hicks of Corunna, and Rose and Alan Walters of Ligonier; a sister, Tina Conley of Kendallville; 29 grandchildren; and 54 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, a grandson, Jeremiah Hicks, three great-granddaughters, Lilia Smith, and Hannah and Hailey Swander, brothers Curt Sells, Willie Cox and Dennis and Denver Gibson, and his parents preceded him in death.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Harbor of Love Baptist Church, 2353 S. Lima Road, Kendallville, with Pastor Charles Mosley officiating. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery, Corunna.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. today at the church with a service at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Patty Smith

ANGOLA — Patty Jean Smith, 58, of Angola died Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2006, at Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

Miss Smith was born Jan. 20, 1948, in Angola to Willard and Bernice (Heckman) Smith. She was one of the original clients at the Community Sheltered Workshop, now RISE Inc., Angola.

Surviving are three sisters, Louella Root of Fremont, Laura Short of Angola and Ruth Tatro of Auburn; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers, Leland, Bernie C. and Willard Smith.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Dale Rabineau officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Rebecca Nichols

FORT WAYNE — Rebecca (Pontzius) Nichols, 43, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Dec. 18, 2006, at her home.

A homemaker, she was born April 27, 1963, in Kendallville to Joyce Whitaker, who survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are four daughters, Debra Jean, Dawn Marie, and Darla

**Ms. Nichols**

Kay of Fort Wayne and Tyia Shrie of Auburn; a son, Bryan Allen of Fort Wayne; and three brothers, Douglas Brown of Bunker Hill, Kenneth Brown of Florida and Charles Brown of Garrett.

She was preceded in death by her father, Richard Pontzius.

Services will be Saturday at 5 p.m. at 5602 Kelso Lane, Fort Wayne.

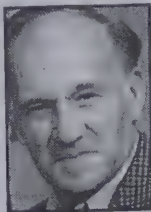
Calling will be today from 2-5 p.m. and Saturday from 2-5 p.m. at 5602 Kelso Lane, Fort Wayne. Memorials are to the family.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is handling funeral arrangements.

Estel Baughman

ANGOLA — Estel E. Baughman, 78, of West Otter Lake, Angola, died Thursday, Dec. 21, 2006, at Cameron Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Baughman worked at Dana Corp. in Auburn for 30



Mr. Baughman

years before retiring in 1978. He was a member of UAW Local 164 and a union steward at Dana Corp. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He also was a member of the Avilla Raceway Association.

He was born May 8, 1928, in Spencerville to Ralph and Janie (Bice) Baughman. They preceded him in death.

He married Juanita Likes in Newville on July 2, 1950. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are three daughters and one son-in-law, Judy and Steve Sheets of LaOtto, Renee Baughman of Fort Wayne, and Brenda Sanders of Angola; a son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Kathy Baughman of Waterloo; 12 grandchildren and their spouses, Tammy Rubin and her husband, Danny, Stephany Sheets-Williams and her husband, Mike, Angie Reinhart, Tom Sheets, Ed Howard, Tyson Baughman, Ryan Baughman, Ray Sanders, Mandy Strowmatt and her husband, Garry, Beth Sanders, Tyler Baughman and Trevor Baughman; 13 great-grandchildren; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Elsie and Burt Dickman of Auburn and Rozella Cook of Newville; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Floyd and Annabelle Baughman of Hudson and Ralph and Ellen Baughman of Hamilton; and a sister-in-law, Garnet Baughman.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert and LeRoy Baughman, and a sister, Bessie Delaughter.

Services will be today at 4 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Raymond C. Warner officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-4 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

McKibben remembered for his volunteerism, passion for others

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LAGRANGE — A well-rounded person.

James V. McKibben, who lost his battle with cancer on Sunday, Dec. 3, 2006, at the age of 79, will be remembered for a number of wide-ranging reasons.

"James McKibben was a teacher, father, grandfather, volunteer, good citizen and leader. A well-rounded person. An example for us all. Whatever he did, he was caring. He knew all our names and everything about us. He was always smiling. When I think of Parkside (Elementary School in LaGrange), I think of Mr. McKibben," said Capt. Sean Yoder, a former student of Mr. McKibben's and a cancer survivor. Yoder last saw and spoke with Mr. McKibben at the American Cancer Society's LaGrange County Relay for Life in 2005.

Mr. McKibben was honored in October with the LaGrange County Corn School Citizen of the Year Award. He was nominated by another former student who wrote in her nomination, "He has touched many lives here in LaGrange County ..."

Mr. McKibben's wife, Virginia, said her husband enjoyed golf and fishing and was an avid traveler, "Especially with Elderhostel, traveling through Canada." (Elderhostel provides in-depth, behind the scenes learning experiences—adventures in life-long learning.)



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Jim McKibben, left, was named United Fund of LaGrange County's 2005 Volunteer of the Year Award in March of 2006. He spent many hours volunteering for the United Fund, Clothes and Food Basket and at schools and church. Presenting the award to McKibben is Bob Pimlott of the Indiana Association of United Way.

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After his retirement as a teacher and principal from Parkside after 28 years, McKibben continued his work in Lakeland School Corp. as a volunteer. For years he has attended Lakeland Middle School and high school functions, extracurricular activities, programs and athletic events to support the students.

He has served as a judge for science fairs, voluntarily accompanied elementary school field trips, and participated in the "Reading Buddy" program aiding children in learning the fundamentals of reading. He has also spent time at schools in costume as the cartoon character "Curious George."

Penny Campbell, another of his students, remembers him from Parkside for his "Mickey Mouse" socks. "He also quieted a group of noisy students on a Pokagon field trip late at night — appearing out of nowhere wearing a long nightgown pajama," she added.

Among one of the many titles afforded Mr. McKibben, his volunteering efforts were rewarded with the United Fund of LaGrange County's 2005 Volunteer of the Year Award in March. In making the presentation, Robin Tuttle, executive director, said, "Jim apologizes if he is not able to participate in every activity or event hosted

by the United Fund and we have to remind him that this is volunteer work. If we could clone an ideal volunteer, it would be Jim!"

He also received the first and only, currently, United Fund of LaGrange County 2004 Outstanding Board Member honor. At the awards celebration in January of 2005, Mr. McKibben received a standing ovation. In making the presentation, Tuttle said, "With unlimited energy and a true passion for the United Fund of LaGrange County, Jim McKibben helps out any way possible. From working on several board committees to taking an active part in our fundraising events, Jim far exceeds our expectations."

Mr. McKibben served on the United Fund board since 1999 and currently served as its Youth Philanthropy chairman.

Tuttle said of Mr. McKibben, "Jim was truly our 'gem.' He had such a passion for life and compassion for others. His commitment to volunteer work was unparalleled. It was truly an honor to know him and work with him. He has left footprints in LaGrange County that will endure to lead others to follow in the path of giving unselfishly and humbly to help our families, friends, neighbors and community."

Mr. McKibben was also a volunteer at the Clothes and Food Basket of LaGrange County for a number of years. Carol Meeks, coordinator of the agency, remembers Mr. McKibben as "always so friendly with the clients and did his level best to help and delighted to work with everybody."

Mr. McKibben was diagnosed with stage 4 melanoma, which had metastasized. He had chemotherapy and radiation but the last treatments had not been successful in curtailing the cancer, said his wife. He spent the last five weeks in hospice care, surrounded with loving care from family, friends, neighbors and his church family.

Worship was a big part of his life and he was drawn to music and performed with the LaGrange First United Methodist Church choir. He was also a member of the LaGrange County Community Choir and performed with People to People Choir tours through Europe in 1973, 1983 and 1985.

LaGrange First United Methodist Church director of music Donna Knight, recounts the meaningful funeral service held Thursday, Dec. 7, for Mr. McKibben. "The choir had his robe and stole placed on 'his' chair. After singing "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" a recording of his all-time favorite choir anthem "Joy in the Morning" was played. This recording was from the last time the choir sang it for a morning worship service in which both Jim and his wife, Virginia, were singing. The week before Thanksgiving, while Jim was in Parkview LaGrange Hospital, the choir went to his bedside and sang this anthem to him. He sang his bass part right along with them (with no music), never missing a note!

"To close the service, the choir had been requested to sing "Fly Away Medley" because it ended with "When the Saints Go Marching In." His fellow choir members concluded quickly that Jim immediately went into those pearly gates and began dancing with St. Peter to "When the Saints Go Marching In." We love you and miss you, Jim," Knight said quietly, emphasizing the sentiments of his fellow choir members.

Memorials are to the Clothes and Food Basket of LaGrange County or the music department of United Methodist Church in LaGrange.

Rebecca Pontzius

FORT WAYNE — Rebecca Sue Pontzius, 43, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2006, at her residence.

Surviving are her mother, Joyce Whitaker of Fort Wayne; four daughters, Debra Jean, Darla Kay and Dawn Marie, all of Fort Wayne, and Tyia Shrie of Auburn; a son, Bryan Allen of Fort Wayne; a sister, Debra York of Auburn; and three brothers, Douglas Brown of Bunker Hill, Kenneth Brown of Florida and Charles Brown of Garrett.

Preceding her in death was her father, Richard Pontzius.

Services will be at 5 p.m. Saturday at 5602 Keslo Lane, Fort Wayne.

Calling is from 12 to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday at 5602 Keslo Lane, Fort Wayne.

The McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the family.

Denver Davis

EDGERTON, Ohio — Denver D. Davis, 68, of Edgerton, Ohio, died at 11:36 a.m.

Saturday, Dec. 23, 2006, in his home after a brief illness.

Mr. Davis owned and operated D. Davis and Son Floor

Covering for 38 years until his retirement.

He was a 1957 graduate of Edgerton High School and a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Edgerton. He was also a member of Knights of Columbus Council 1494 in Edgerton, Bryan Eagles Aerie 2233, Butler Eagles Aerie 2737, the Auburn Moose Lodge and Butler American Legion Post 202, Sons of the American Legion.

He was born May 22, 1938, in Edgerton, the son of Rudolph "R.T." and Rose Teresa (Walsh) Davis.

He married Judith L. Hug on April 25, 1959, in Blakeslee, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Teresa and Jerry Shull of Butler, Lisa and David Merkle of Ohio City, Ohio, and Denise and Rick Williams of Blakeslee, Ohio; two sons and daughters-in-law, Gerald D. and Betsy Davis of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Jeffrey D. and Jessica Davis of Edgerton; 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, two brothers and a sister-in-law, DeWayne and Sharon Davis and Marvin Davis, all of Bryan, Ohio, and three sisters, Kathleen Goebel and Imogene Stark, both of Edgerton, Ohio, and Audrey Davis of Bryan, Ohio.



Mr. Davis

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Thomas Davis.

Services will be Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Mary Catholic Church in Edgerton, Ohio, with Father Stephen Schroeder officiating. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery.

Calling will be at Krill Funeral Home in Edgerton from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday, with recitation of the rosary at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the Guardian Angel at St. Patrick Catholic School or to St. Mary Catholic Church.

Condolences may be sent to and an online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Ruby Williams

ANGOLA — Ruby F. Williams of Angola, formerly of Wooster, Ohio, died Sunday, Dec.

24, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Williams was a homemaker, a nurse at Wooster City

Hospital and a millinery buyer at Freedlander's Department Store in Wooster. She was a good daughter, sister, wife and mother and will be missed.

She was born in Marion, Ohio, to Guy O. and Bertha (Tewalt) Lester.

Her husband, Howard M. Williams, died in 1989.

Surviving are two daughters, Ruth A. Skevington of Elko, Nev., and Gloria J. Furnish of Auburn; three grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters.

There will be no calling or services. Burial will be in Hopewell Cemetery in Shreve, Ohio.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of arrangements.



Mrs. Williams

Leroy Stoll

HUNTERTOWN — Leroy O. Stoll, 84, of Auburn and formerly of Huntertown, died Sunday, Dec. 24, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mr. Stoll was a welder at Fruehauf Trailer in Fort Wayne for 42 years, retiring in 1984. He lived in Huntertown for 43 years, moving to Auburn two years ago.

He was a member of the Garrett post of the American Legion and Our Hope Lutheran Church in Huntertown. He was a World War II Navy veteran.

He was born April 14, 1922, in Garrett to Fred W. and Christine (Gallmeyer) Stoll. They preceded him in death.

He married L. Kathryn Fiandt on March 18, 1943, in Garrett. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James Roy and Ann M. Stoll of Albion; a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon Kay and David Byerley of Avilla; three granddaughters, Michelle Grim of Fort Wayne, Melissa Byerley of Indianapolis and Nicole Byerley of Avilla; two great-grandchildren, Riley Grim and Mariah Grim, both of Fort Wayne; a brother, Walter Stoll of Ossian; and a sister, Irma M. Knapp of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Alma Woodcock.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in Our Hope Lutheran Church of Huntertown. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne. Military graveside services will be conducted by the Garrett posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Frank Tanner Jr.

AVILLA — Frank E. Tanner Jr., 43, of Avilla and formerly of the Edgerton, Ohio, area, died of natural causes early Monday, Dec. 25, 2006, in his home.

Mr. Tanner was employed in the shipping department of LCI Corp. in Middlebury.

He was born Dec. 5, 1963, in Hicksville, Ohio, the son of Frank E. and Rosemary (Klingshirm) Tanner. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are five sisters, Maryann Tanner of Edgerton, Ohio, Peggy Lightner of Omaha, Neb., Patty Tanner of Bryan, Ohio, Doris Tanner of Edgerton, Ohio, and Betty Sanchez of Bryan, Ohio; five nephews and nieces, Mariah Vollmer, Aaron and Ashley Lightner and Cameron and Tanner Sanchez; and one great-nephew, Parker Vollmer.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Howard and Ned Tanner, and one sister, Maxine Tanner.

Calling will be Thursday from 4-8 p.m. in Krill Funeral Home at Edgerton, Ohio.

Private burial will be in the Edon Cemetery at Edon, Ohio.

Condolences may be sent and an online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and Friday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Our Hope Lutheran Church and the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences are to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

James Willingham

FORT WAYNE — James A. Willingham, 70, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital.

He worked in sales for Montgomery Ward, Sears and H.H. Gregg.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia R. Willingham; three sons, Jeff and Jerry Willingham, both of Mishawaka, and Greg Steinbaugh of DeLand, Fla.; a daughter, Marcia Pierce of Osceola; stepsons Duane M. Burkley Jr. of Waterloo and David Burkley of Fort Wayne; stepdaughters Judy Burkley of New Haven, Rose Putman of Payne, Ohio, and Brenda Metsker of Monroeville; a brother, Orval Mac Willingham of Mishawaka; 17 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Elzey-Patterson & Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne, with burial at Prairie Grove Cemetery.

Calling is from 5-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Robert Biddle

STURGIS, Mich. — Robert Lee Biddle, 69, of Sturgis died Friday, Dec. 22, 2006, following a battle with cancer.

Mr. Biddle had lived in the Wolcottville area most of his life, moving to Sturgis in 1985.

He was served in the U.S. Army from 1959 to 1962.

Mr. Biddle was a life member of the Capt. John Kelley VFW Post 1355 in Sturgis, American Legion Post 381 in Rome City, Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge 574 in Sturgis and a Golden Eagle Aerie 2455 in Albion.

He enjoyed gardening, bowling, NASCAR, fishing with his son and spending time with his family and friends.

He was born Feb. 6, 1937, in Noble County to Elmer and Elma (Targgart) Biddle. He married Patricia Ann "Patti" Eshelman on June 7, 1964, in Wolcottville. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Raeanne and Rick Savage of Sturgis and Leeanne and Eric Horne of Columbia City; a son, Robert J. Biddle of Sturgis and his friend, Tracy Smith, of Sturgis; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Jack Biddle of Grand Rapids, Mich., John and Retta Biddle of Adrian, Ga., and Charles and Deloris Biddle of Kendallville; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Katherine and William Blanchard of Union, Mich., and Mary Ruth Christlieb of Butler; and five grandchildren, Cameron Savage, Boe Savage, Paige Savage, Grayson Horne and Drew Horne.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Marie Leins and Patricia Keller.

Lowell Howard

WATERLOO — Lowell Howard, 83, of Auburn died Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Howard was the maintenance man at Auburn Motor Sales. He was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church and a former member of the Waterloo Masonic Lodge.

He was born March 22, 1923, in Waterloo to Charles and Hazel (Wherly) Howard.

Surviving are a brother, Eldon Howard of Beaver Dam, Ky.; a nephew and his wife, Scott and Sandra Howard of Wauseon, Ohio; a niece and her husband, Stephanie and Robin Lovejoy of West Unity, Ohio; and five great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Merlin Joan Howard.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Rex Charles will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling will be Friday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Rosenberg-Schipper Funeral Home, 807 E. Chicago Road, Sturgis, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield of Solomon Creek United Methodist Church officiating. Cremation will follow.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or to the family.

Jean Busche

SPENCERVILLE — Jean A. Busche, 81, of Spencerville died Monday, Dec. 25, 2006, at Community Memorial Hospital in Hicksville, Ohio.

Mrs. Busche was a lifelong homemaker, a past member of Hicksville Eagles Aerie 2556 and an avid Chicago Cubs fan.

She was born Aug. 14, 1925, at Fort Wayne to John and Ethel (Mettler) Kiser.

She married Arthur Busche on Dec. 31, 1942. He survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Carol and Michael Beaver of Palmetto, Fla., Noreen and Rodger Walker of Spencerville and Linda and Terry McClellan of Auburn; a son, Dan Busche of Fort Wayne, six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Adeline Harding of New Haven and Carleen Clark of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a twin sister, June Keller.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. in Covington Memorial Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens Cemetery at Fort Wayne.

Calling will be today from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville, and Friday from noon-1 p.m. at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Smith & Brown Funeral Home of Hicksville is handling arrangements.

Earl Armstrong

HAMILTON — Earl Armstrong, 77, of Hamilton died at 1:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, 2006, in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, where he had been admitted on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Armstrong was a 1955 graduate of Olivet Nazarene University and received his master's degree from Ball State University.

He was a pastor for 51 years and was currently serving the California United Presbyterian Church in California, Mich., where he has served the last 36 years.

He was an elementary school teacher and administrator serving the DeKalb and Hamilton school systems for 17 years.

He was the owner of Armstrong Coin and Jewelry in Angola with his sons for 12 years.

Mr. Armstrong enjoyed talking with friends, walking and being outdoors. He found fulfillment in outdoor yard work and enjoyed time on the lake with his family. The biggest blessings in his life were the fellowship and friendship he shared with his congregation at the California United Presbyterian Church and his relationships with his family.

He was born Dec. 5, 1929, in Port Jefferson, Ohio, the son of William E. and Myrtle A. (Schaffer) Armstrong.

He married his wife of 57 years, Evelyn J. Moore, on July 5, 1949, in Montpelier, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Jerry and Helen Armstrong of Waterloo, Lynn and Jing Armstrong of Indianapolis and Lyle Armstrong of Angola; his grandchildren and their spouses, Matt and Candie Armstrong, Lori and Jody Wiedenhoeft, Mandy

Shepherd, Nathan Armstrong, Stephanie and Lance Witham, Travis and Maritza Armstrong, Scott and Devan Armstrong, Seth and Cathy Armstrong, Melissa Armstrong and Shannon Armstrong; 11 great-grandchildren; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Gene and Diane Armstrong of Perry, Ohio, and Larry and Kay Armstrong of Clear Lake; and three sisters and a brother-in-law, Pat R. Hay of Edon, Ohio, Shirley M. Tibbs of Angola and Linda and Steve Welmer of Bradenton, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Glenna Derringer and Eileen Armstrong; and a brother, William Armstrong.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Krill Funeral Home, Edon, Ohio, with Pastor Ralph Diehl officiating. Interment will follow in Columbia Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 3-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the California United Presbyterian Church in California, Mich.

Condolences may be sent to and an online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Delbert Wicker

LIGONIER — Delbert Wicker, 60, of Ligonier died Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Wicker had lived in Ligonier the past 30 years and had been employed at Silgan Plastics. He had retired from there in April.

He was a 1965 graduate of Garrett High School in Garrett, Ky.

He was born in Floyd County, Ky., on Sept. 15, 1946, to Joe and Viola (Bolen) Wicker. His parents are deceased.

Surviving are two sisters, Rhoda Mosley of Ligonier and Irene Watkins of Lackey, Ky; three nephews and their wives, Paul and Diane Mosley of Albion, Randy and Denise Watkins of Moorehead, Ky., and Terry Wicker of Rome City; two nieces, Lisa Thornsberry and her husband, Paul, of Richmond, Ky., and Tina Wicker of Rome City; and a great-nephew, Zachary Mosley of Albion.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Mart Wicker, in 1974.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Rock Fork Regular Baptist Church in Garrett, Ky., with the Rev. Willie Collins officiating. Burial will be at the G.W. Bolen Cemetery near Rock Fork, Ky.

Calling will be at the church after 4 p.m. today.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences to the family may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Suzanne Washler

ST. JOE — Suzanne H. Washler, 62, of St. Joe died Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Washler was a neonatal nurse at Lutheran Children's Hospital in



Mrs. Washler

Fort Wayne. She was a member of Auburn First United Methodist Church, the Indiana SIDS Council and Lutheran Hospital Children's Hope Basketball Tournament. She was a 4-H parent and DeKalb Eastern Music Booster.

She was born July 14, 1944, in Fort Wayne to Earl C. and Hannah (Hill) Link.

She married Edwin "Ed" Washler on July 27, 1968, at the First Presbyterian Church in Fort Wayne. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Christopher and Tammy Washler of Pensacola, Fla., and Zachary and Erin Washler of Frankfort; two daughters and a son-in-law, Bethany and Kurtis Kimmel of Jeffersonville and Abigail Washler at home; four grandchildren, Kurtis Todd Kimmel, Konnor Kimmel, Emily Washler and Sarah Washler; one brother and sister-in-law, David and Ruth Link of Green Valley, Ariz.; and one sister, Anita Schaefer of Indianapolis.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Auburn First United Methodist Church, 1203 E. Seventh St. The Rev. Ted Jansen and the Rev. Dale Williams will officiate. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at St. Joe.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, and Sunday from 1-2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Lutheran Children's Hospital, the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and the American Cancer Society.

Danny Wood

SKINNER LAKE — Danny D. Wood, 62, of Skinner Lake died Thursday, Dec. 28, 2006, at home.

Mr. Wood was born Sept. 19, 1944, in Fort Wayne to Walter and Geneva (Crary) Wood. He was a truck driver for 30 years, and had also driven for the city of Auburn. He had lived in Noble County for two years.

He married Linda Lee Cole on April 7, 2006, and she survives.

He was a member of the American Association of Retired Persons. He enjoyed NASCAR and motorcycle racing.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Debora and Timothy Frick and Cindy Wood, all of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Walter "TJ" and Melinda Wood of Angola; a stepdaughter, Joleine Cole of Albion; two stepsons, James Cole and Jonathan Cole, both of Columbia City; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Walter Wood Jr. and Terry and Sandy Wood, all of Garrett; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Joan and Mart Fahlsing of Fort Wayne, Judith King and Willis Hicks of Albion and Diana and Jerry Haugk of Garrett; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.



Mr. Wood

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, at 11 a.m.

Wednesday. Calling will be Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to services on Wednesday.

Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Memorials are to the family.

Harold Yeiser

ST. JOE — Harold Lloyd Yeiser, 82, of St. Joe died Friday, Dec. 29, 2006, at Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

Mr. Yeiser was born Nov. 26, 1924, in St. Joe to Desmond W. "Mose" and Doris Delora (Keesler) Yeiser. He married Patricia Jane Turner on May 10, 1951, in

Newville. She preceded him in death on Feb. 22, 2001.

He was the owner of Yeiser's Standard Service Station in St. Joe, retiring in 1990. He was a member of the Auburn Moose Lodge and a 50-year member of the Concord Fire Department. He was a World War II Army veteran.

Surviving are a daughter, Kathryn Sue Strong of Lima, Ohio; two grandchildren, Scott Huebner of Indianapolis and Steth Huebner of Chicago; a sister, Rosemary Means of Paris, Tenn.; and a sister-in-law, Helen Yeiser of St. Joe.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; a son, Jeffrey Lynn Yeiser in 1955; and a brother, Donald K. Yeiser on Sept. 12, 2005.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe, with military honors conducted by members of the Butler American Legion.

Memorials are to Concord Volunteer Fire Department, PO Box 157, St. Joe., IN 46785.

Arrangements are being handled by Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

A gentleman and a 'doer'

Howard Bates was comfortable working behind the scenes

BY BILL GISEL

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AUBURN — "Howard was a classic, an icon and a well-respected member of the community and of our museum."

Sharon Fouke, program support manager of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum, spoke those words at the funeral of Howard A. Bates, 96, who died Nov. 22 at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Fouke recalled being welcomed to the museum by Mr. Bates, who had been an engineer with the Auburn Automobile Co. from 1931 to 1936. He was a docent, guiding visitors on tours of the museum, where he was a lifetime member.

"He calmly took me on a walk through (the museum) and helped me feel connected and welcome," Fouke said. "(He) was a mentor to many and spent numerous hours giving tours."

Both Mr. Bates and Fouke were graduates of Tri-State University. Mr. Bates earned his diploma in 1931, when the Angola institution was still a college.

"The year was 1931, and it was the middle of the Great Depression," said Mr. Bates' daughter, Nancy. "It was difficult to find work, and dad was grateful to be able to get his first job at the Auburn Automobile Co., driving cars off the assembly line and performing test drives for 19 cents an hour," she said.

Eventually, Mr. Bates was promoted to the engineering department, where he made \$125 a month. "A fine wage for the early 1930s," his daughter said.

In 1936, Mr. Bates left Auburn Automobile Co. for International Harvester in Fort Wayne, where he worked for the next 39 years. He met and married Ellen McNabb in 1955.

"Dad had my brother, Bill, and myself late in life, but it was often an advantage to have an older dad," Nancy Bates said. She said her father didn't express a lot of emotion, but "He would have done anything for his family." He often told his daughter that marriage and having a family was the best thing that ever happened to him.

Mr. Bates was born and raised in Michigan. His father was a family doctor.

"My father was a very reserved man and one that didn't reminisce about his upbringing, or childhood memories," his daughter said. "Those that he did share revolved around his family and boyhood activities. It was fascinating to hear about how things were back then," she said, adding that her family passes those memories down to future generations.

One such memory was of when Mr. Bates lost his left index finger at the age of 9, his daughter said.

"He was helping change a wheel on a water wagon; the horse spooked and the wheel dropped on his finger," she said.



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Howard Bates poses for a photograph in front of a 1932 Auburn automobile at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum. He worked as an engineer with the Auburn Automobile Co. from 1931 to 1936. Mr. Bates died Nov. 22 at the age of 96.

Mr. Bates' father amputated the finger, but did so above the joint because he knew Howard was mechanically inclined and would need the joint for gripping.

A more recent memory of her father originated was when he was 83, Nancy Bates recalled. The family had gathered at Mr. Bates' lake cottage, and Mr. Bates wanted to go swimming.

"He couldn't find his swimming trunks, and the only suit available was my mother's one-piece bathing suit," she said. "Dad got into her suit and ran off the dock and dived into the lake."

"My nieces and my brother were somewhat horrified," she added.

Despite retiring in 1975, Mr. Bates never really retired, Nancy Bates said.

"Dad didn't have any hobbies, but he was always busy tinkering and working on some project around the house or at the lake," she said, adding that her father never lost his sharp thinking or his wit.

Mr. Bates went to The Masters golf tournament in 2004 for his 94th birthday. He learned to use a computer for e-mail and solitaire.

"When I think of my father, I think of the word 'gentleman' in how he carried himself, how he dressed, how he spoke and how he treated others. I never heard my dad complain about a bad boss, or make a mean-spirited statement," Nancy Bates said.

"My dad was faithful, dedicated and he persevered, whether he was battling cancer, 69-plus years of perfect attendance as a Lion's Club member, . .

or attending every school function when we were kids," she added.

She said her father was home for every evening meal, and used every one of his vacation days to spend with his family.

Yet, she said, her father shunned the spotlight and didn't care for fancy dress, mannerisms or food.

"He was a real meat-and-potatoes person," she said.

"Dad was a doer, someone that was very comfortable working behind the scenes, making things happen. He worked at the Lions fair booth and had a leadership role in the Lions hearing program, and devoted hours to the museum."

Fouke commended Mr. Bates' love for his wife.

"Just a few days before he passed away," she said, "he was sitting in the commons area at the nursing home with other residents when Ellen came up in her kelly-green shirt."

"He looked at the other female residents, and then up at Ellen, and told her that she was just beautiful. It seems rare when you hear someone talk about their spouse with such love and admiration."

"She was his wife, his nurse, the mother of his children and his friend, but there was something more, something deep that I think very few people are lucky enough to feel," Fouke said.

"Howard was blessed, and he knew it. It didn't seem that he took it for granted, but knew how to appreciate it."

"Howard," she said, was "a Duesy."

Dawnee Browder

WATERLOO — Dawnee Sue Browder, 43, died Friday, Dec. 29, 2006, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

In Chicago on July 23, 1963, she was born to

Dana Thomas and Wilma Jean (Handy) Browder.

She had lived in the Waterloo area for more than 20 years.

She enjoyed listening to music, poetry, drawing and sketching.

Surviving are two daughters, Crystal Inzer and Cassandra Browder, both of Kendallville; a son, Kyle Inzer, Kendallville; two sisters, Debbie Krizanovic, Round Lake Park, Ill., and Darla Browder, Peoria, Ill.; three brothers, Danny and Darren Browder, both of Seattle, Wash., and David Browder, Wisconsin; and two grandchildren, Camryn Osburn and Caydence Becker, both of Kendallville.

Her parents; a sister, Deana Browder; and a nephew, Michael Krizanovic, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Pastor Larry Anglemeyer officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery, Albion.

There is no calling.

Condolences may be emailed to www.hitefuneral-home.com.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.



Dawnee Browder

Raymond Ahrndt

HICKSVILLE, OHIO — Raymond J. Ahrndt, 73, of Hicksville and formerly of Butler died Friday, Dec. 29, 2006, at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

On April 20, 1933, in Camp Crook, S.D., he was born to Raymond J. Sr. and Evelyn (Dionne) Ahrndt. He married Joyce E. Spray on Oct. 16, 1954, in Battle Creek, Mich. She survives.

Mr. Ahrndt worked for Hendrickson Tandem in Butler and Kendallville for 32 years before retiring in 1996.

He was a member of the National Bowling Congress and the Butler Bowling League.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are two sons and daughters-in-law, Roy J. and Charlotte Ahrndt, Butler, and Ron J. and Dawn Ahrndt, Waterloo; a daughter, Linda K. Jordan, Anaheim, Calif.; a sister, Yvonne Angus, Indian Mound, Tenn.; and five grandchildren.

His parents preceded him in death.

There are no services and no calling.

H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home, Butler, is in charge of arrangements.

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